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The General order of the 3rd of July 1801 respecting the Regulations of Vessels going to the coal Harbour and Hunter's River, is annulled, instead of which the following Regulations are to be observed on that Behalf. Viz. -----

1st----- The coals and timber of all descriptions are to be considered the Entire and exclusive property of the Crown, wherever found or growing -----

2. ---- No private Boat or Vessel is to go to the Coal harbour or Hunter's River without a specific license from the Governors Secretary, stating the purpose of such Voyage, the Owner or Owners to enter into Recognizances, themselves in £ 50 and two Sureties in £25 each for the due performance of the following Regulations. Viz. -----

3rd----- To take a regular clearance from the Naval offices

4th ---- Those who have permission to get cedar or Coals are to procure these Articles in the Place that may be pointed out by the Commandant and by no means to interfere with the People at Public labour

5th ---- Not to behave troublesome or Riotously to any Person whatever belonging to the Settlement or to disregard any Public order issued by the Governor in Chief or the Commandants, on pain of the Penalty not only being levied, but the Vessel ordered to Depart. -----

6th ---- On arriving at the Coal Harbour, no Person

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whatever is to leave the Vessel, until the Master has Entered the Vessel and has the Commandants Permission to land -----

7th ---- Not to use any other than one kind of Basket that will hold about 100 cwt of Coals, to measure them in and out of the Vessel by. -----

8th ---- To give the commandant a daily account of Coals or timber received, and not to Sail without giving the Commandant two days Notice, and being provided with Certificate, and his Letters for the Governors -----

9th ---- No Vessel is to leave the Harbour between Dusk in the Evening and Daylight. -----

10th --- No Boats are to land about the Settlement in any other Place than that pointed out by the commandant. -----

11th --- Any Master of a vessel, employing the Convicts without the Commandants permission will subject the owners to pay the penalty for each offence

12th --- No Spirits whatever are to be given to the Convicts, nor are any to be landed but by the

Commandants Permit. -----

13th --- The Owners of all vessels frequenting –
Hunters River are previous to their Clearance being
given to Enter into a further Recognizance them
selves in £100 and two Sureties in £ 25 Each
to be recovered by the Naval Officer at this Port, in
case any Person whatever is taken from hence to that
Settlement, or brought from thence, hither without
the Governor in Chief's or the Commandants written

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Permission for that purpose; and it is to be clearly un-
derstood, that no excuse of People Swimming on board
or being Secured will be admitted, as in that case
it will be the owners interest to direct the Master
to Reland the Person found on Board at the Set-
tlement he took him or her from.

14th --- On arriving in this Port the Master is
to Enter / and that on Oath is necessary / the quantity
of Coals, Timber or other Articles they have on board
and previous to their hoisting the admission flag
Security is to be given for the paying the Kings
Dues and Fees as follows Viz

-----Fees -----

	License from the Governors Secretary	£	s	d
	For the Clerk }	“	2	“
	Clearance, Naval Officers Clerk	“	1	“
	Harbour Dues at Sydney as Established			
	15 October 1800 }			
	Entrance in the River and Clearance			
	from these }	“	2	“
	Entrance at Sydney, Naval officers Club	“	1	“
	Kings Dues for Orphans			
	For each ton of Coals for home Consum			
	Plus to be Paid to the naval officer }	“	2	6
	[Ditto ditto] exported from River or hence	“	2	6
	For every thousand Square feet timber			
	For home Consumption }	3	“	“
	[Ditto ditto] for Exportation	4	“	“

	£	s	d
For Metage per ton on coals to the			
Wharfinger }	"	2	"
Measure of timber per 1000 feet			
To Wharfinger }	"	2	"

It being necessary to prevent an unauthorized communication by Vessels or Persons between this Place and the Settlement established at Van Diemens Land, the Owners of all vessels frequenting Bafs's Straits, or cleared for Van Diemens Land, are previous to their Clearance being given, to Enter into Recognizance themselves in £100 and two Societies in £ 50 each, to be recovered by the Naval Officer at this Port, is such Officer as the Lieutenant Governor of the Settlement on Van Diemens Land, may appoint to sue for the same, in case any Person whatever is taken from hence to Van Diemens Land or brought from thence hither, without the Governor in Chiefs or the Lieutenant Governor of the above Settlements written permission for that purpose. The Recognizance to be forfeited on Conviction before two Magistrates. It is to be closely understood that no Excuse of People swimming on Board or being Secreted will be admitted as in that care it will be the owners interest to direct the Master to re land the Person found on Board at the Settlement he took him or her from.-----

signed Philip Gidley King
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2nd May 1804

The Governor being informed that the Coal Mines at Newcastle have been dug by Individuals in the most shameful Manner, without leaving Props, which has occasioned much labour to remedy the mischief caused by those neglects; and from the necessity of fixing such restrictions as the local state of these Settlements require the Commandant of Newcastle is directed not to allow Coals to be worked by Individuals, as the Prisoners will be employed at that labour / under the direction of Professional Miners / and getting – Cedar from the upper parts of the River to Newcastle, ready to Embark for Government Purposes as well as to supply Individuals / having the Governor's Permission / with Cedar at three half pence

each superficial foot in the log and ten Shillings per ton for Coals; and should any Individuals require the labour of such Prisoners as the Commandant may allow, they are to pay at the rates of three Shillings and Sixpence for each mans ration and labour per Diem, Payment for the coals or Cedar thus furnished, or the hire of labour to be made in wheat or Live Stock, paid into His Majesty's Stores at this Place.-----

----- The above Regulation is exclusive of the fees and Duties pointed out by the General

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Orders of the 24th of last March

signed

Philip Gidley King

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No 23

Newcastle 2 April 1809

Dear Sir

Your letter by the Resource I received which arrived on Thursday I have freighted (?) her back with 330 Burden (?) of lime of pars, having no cash for the lime, I have had a Bulkshead knocked up, to Divide the lime from the Coals, you will acquaint Mr Moore I shall [] begin to saw the planks for the Vessel, in the Dock yard agreeable to his order I expect to have it ready in about three weeks

I have enclosed the returns of Public labour etc etc also the names fifteen prisoner's, and I will trouble you to refer to the Indents for their times and send it down by return of the Vessel

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Newcastle 29th January 1810 6a

Sir

That Strict adherence to the rules of Justice and Humanity which has

so conspicuously distinguished your honors character in this colony emboldens me to address you upon the subject of my present, more than common unhappy situation, The object of which is to inform you, that my Term of transportation expired in your command but been for some years confined to this Settlement was deprived of the opportunity of applying personally for my Certificate am still detained notwithstanding official Documents are abstractedly attached to the Indents of the 2nd Atlas the ship in which I arrived, sufficient to remove any obstacle (if any there by in the way of my obtaining my freedom – The sufferings I have sending on Since the arrest of your honor are more easily conceived then express. Deprived of any situation as chief overseer of this settlement Kept upon an Island for the most part, without Fresh water and obliged to do not only my own Government work but also Mr Crossleys & other peoples refused common protection until deprived of every shilling I was worth consisting of my Bed Beding watch wearing apparel etc etc, etc, and flogged for swimming for my life from a party of Blacks alth... a man was speared through the Body by my side, & why all this because I was what the commandant Lawson in his great politeness commonly called one of Blighs Mob and orders were ~~spaced~~ forbidding any person to Harbour countenance or in any manner whatever be afsociate with any who might be attached to your honors person or Government, Mr Gore will inform you who I am and for the truth of what I say refer you to Sir H Hayes Mr Crossley: the bearer Mr Davern many others who were not only witness but sufferers with me in the cause , all of whom are relieved but myself, from this Settlement here Lieut Lawson promises to make me miserable with his successor

I have Petitioned His Excellency upon the subject and most humbly implore your honors interference on my behalf if no more then to have me removed from this settlement until such time as satisfactory Documents may be officially received by His Excellency should he require more then those already produced - I lay claim humble to your Kind interference upon two heads 1st my time having expired in your command and 2nd by being no small sufferer for my Loyalty & attachment to your honors person & Government, should all this fail I beg you will take the trouble of directing Mr Griffin upon His arrival in England to procure from John Allan & Molesworth Green Esquire

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the Certificate of my time & have it transmitted to this Country otherwise I must remain for life having none to apply to but your honor upon the subject - Governor King suffered a man to go Home in the Glatton & another in the Calcutta on conditions of their times were unexpired the showed be returned under his greatest displeasure would to God Governor Macquarie would Permit me to depart upon the like Terms or worse –

May you live long Triumphant over
your Enemies – may the Laws of Great Britain soon
convince the Treacherous ursurps that the were
not so far out of reach as they Imagined on the
26th January 1808 is Sir & shall the the constant
Prayer of your honors most obedient humble Servant
Roger Farrell

Momo: Roger Farrell tried before the Recorder of the City of Dublin on the 8th day of April 18... transported Seven years for Felony

Address
John Allen & Molesworth Green Esquires
clerks of the peace for the City of Dublin

Mr. Griffin to find out whether this Man's servitude was fulfilled in my time. W.B.

A Certificate from Allen & Green Clerks of the Peace in Dublin, of Roger Farrell being reduced only for 7 or 14 Fourteen Years, was affixed by me to Official List of Prisoners by that 2nd Atlas, in which of appeared Farrell was transported for life. – I received The Certificate from Farrell with a Letter from a Glergyman in Ireland to Farrell inclosing it, which Letter I think I also attached to the List.

The Certificate was considered an

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List.

The Certificate was considered authentic, and several Prisoners clearing Governor King's Administration as also one or two in Governor Bligh's had Certificates of their Terms of Transportation being expired, as appeared in consequence of such Documents from Ireland – stating the case in the

29th January 1810

Petition of Roger Farrell at Coal River to Governor Bligh requesting him apply respecting a Certificate of his Time being expired received from Ireland.

To
His late Excellency
Mr Bligh Esquire
etc, etc, etc,
Sydney

Certificate. –
Edmund Griffin
Sydney February 10 1810

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Sydney 27 February 1810

I beg have to recommend that Mr. John Eyre, stationed at Newcastle as early as may be convenient, in the capacity of Schoolmaster, and to perform Divine Service according to the Established Church at that Settlement, on the Sabbath Days. – I conceive it advisable that the Commandant for the time being, have directions to furnish Mr Eyre with Apartments for himself & Family, and also a House, for the School, & public Worship, & that the Sunday should be noticed as a day devoted to the noblest Interests of man. – As Newcastle is a considerable distance from Sydney & many unforeseen occurrences may take place, of which we can form no just Ideas, I would, beg leave to intermate that every possible (reasonable_ assistance be granted Mr Eyre, which his peculiar Situation may require, for the maintenance of Himself & Family, having no other dependence.

I am, Sir,

your most obedient Servant

John Thomas Campbell Sydney
etc etc etc

William Cowper
Assistant Chaplain
N. S. Wales

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Newcastle 28th March 1810

Sir

I beg you will lay before His Excellency the inclosed calculation respecting the loss or waste on Provisions supplied this settlement from 1st July 1809 @ 26th March 1810 by which it appears that on that trifling qty here is a loss charged to the public of £32, 13 shillings and 4 pence.

Without wishing in any way to interfere with any department that is not immediately under my own superintendent conceiving that the Commissariat as far as it relates to this part of the Colony ought to be paid some attention to by me more particularly so as I am obliged to give my signature both for receipts & issues I request you would lay the following observations before His Excellency that I may hereafter receive his command as to my future line of action –

A Tierer of Beef or Pork is cut into a certain number of Pieces according to the Pack up for instance some Tierces are cut into 42 pieces containing 8 pounds each piece makes this

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in all issues that were yet known the Provisions is issued to the consumer I mean when the Cask is opened (by the Piece) not by the weight as Gov always in the first instance before the Provisions are passed as fit for H. M. Services inspect it to see that the pieces are cut in equal divisions consequently there ought not to be any differency on that head & as to the custom used here in cutting pieces which I concieve is the great cause of the waste it is quite unnecessary as the men are divided into messes & if they even were not the form or eight lb [pound] piece if it is necessary to cut them are to be divided into the best possible way without at all attempting to weigh the divisions of any piece so cut as proof positive of what I say the Person of any man of War or Minister of Transport receives no allow[ance] in Beef or Pork for waste tho. [though] he receives for almost every other thing issued or certain part I believe the Seventh, If my position stands good & arrives for it the saving in the year to the Colony would be considerable

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I beg have to in by my received for Provisions & received by the Sally, Crofts Master

I beg to inclose the Captains account for Coals Lime & Cedar Shipped on the Sally Crofts Master accounts in my annual account to £28, 10. 0 for the use of Government.

I beg also to inclose the account for the rose wood for H. M. Lieutenant Governor Connell –

I have the honor to
Your most humbled Obedient Servant
John Purcell
Commandant at Newcastle –

To John Thomas Campbell Esquire
Secretary to His Excellency
etc etc etc

crofts until you exam in the Books to see that every thing is right.

I am the honor to be
Your most humble Servant
John Purcell
Commandant at Newcastle

To
John Thomas Campbell Esquire
Secretary & &

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Sir Newcastle, 21st April 1810

Inclosed you'l find Bill of 12 Tons of Coals per the sloop Improvement account £6, 0 shillings and 0 pence duplicate of which is sent the N. officers.

I am afraid I may be deemed troublesome in repeating the application I made for Men & necessaries some time but we are literally bare of most of the articles & as to the Cooper Pole splitter etc. we are in the greatest necessity for them.

There were three very noted characters absconded from this settlement on the 17th Inst. of the names of Coine, Hutchinson & Rafty, they are all fresh arrivals here', Coyne has made this his 4th time of absconding from this settlement & never went without taking a number with him the last time he absconded he took Seven more with him from the Cedar party up the rover I was informed of his character on this arrival & to try to

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keep him I gave him his choice work to go to & gave him every indulgence possible but thieving is his object. I had them followed as far as broken bay & I reason to think they are all gone to the neighbourhood of the Hawkesbury to live in the bush & rob the settlers there a game Mr Coyne has followed at our time for two years without being caught, Hutchinson is the Man that was condemned to be Hanged but reprieved by His Excellency, Rafty great as bad a Character. I have the honor to be Sir Your most humble Servant

John Purcell Lieutenant 73 Regiment
Commandant at Newcastle

To
J. T. Campbell Esquire
Secretary –

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Sir

Newcastle 1st May 1810

I had the honor to receive your ?
of the 23rd Ultimo per the Lady Nelson & Note the contents.

I now dispatch the Hunter with a cargo
of Lime & some Cedar I was obliged to put some long
lengths of Cedar in her owing to the hatchway of the
Nelson being so short. The Nelson also goes this tide
with a Cargo of Coals & Cedar. Each of them carry
a log of very fine Cedar out of the last raft procured
by me One for His Excellency & the other for Colonel OConnel

Inclosed youle find receipts for Provision & Wheat
per Hunter I also send the Accounts Company's Invoice as
he made an Error which I beg may be corrected
youle perceive he changes to Pierce of Beef of 42 Pieces
of 8 lb as 2688 lb whereas they ? but 2016 lb making
an overcharge of 2 Tierces or 672 lb. I request I may
receive his corrected Invoice that I may be able
to have my receipts & his Invoices tally in the end

I have the honor to be

Your most humble Servant

John Purcell

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Sir

Newcastle 1st May 1810

Inclosed youle find Invoice of
Lading of coals & Cedar per the Lady Nelson. She also
takes a log quarts 485 ship feet of Cedar as payment of
Prisoners house purchased by me for Government & the
Log for Lieutenant O Connell. It is my intention with
His Excellency's permission to purchase every private
house here & pay for them with the produce of the
Settlement. I got a man here to write by this Vessel
to Sir H B Hayes on the subjects of purchasing
an Excellent house of his here which I mean to make
an Hospital of. I send by this Vessel ? Griffin
(Carpenter whose time expired as per the return sent me
back from Sydney on the 30th Ultimo the Master of
the Nelson has however my instructions not to
suffer him to lend until all is found right
at your office.

I am sorry to be so troublesome in
begging your attention to the requisitions I made some

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some time since we are entirely bare of very m...
& it is with great difficulty I can contrive to carry on
the various works of this place.

I would be obliged by sending
me 20,000 bricks to build two lime Kilns.

I am in great necessity for 2 brick
layers, a Cooper, Two Carpenters, & about Sixteen
more working hands to accomplish my designs in
the improvement of this place I will lose Eight
men who are & wile be out of their times in a
very short time but if my improvements were
accomplished which will take but a short time
after I get the men & materials I will engage
to do with less men than I have at present
& to load two such Vessells as the Nelson & Hunter
in Eight hours.

I would be obliged by being sent
some slops particularly shoes as really some
of the men at work processing Oyster shells &
Cedar are much to be pitied for want of them

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Inclosed you will find my Monthly statement
of the Settlement His Excellency has entrusted to my
care.

I have the honor to be

Your most humble Servant

John Purcell Lieutenant 73 Regiment
Commandant at Newcastle

To J. Thomas Campbell Esquire
Secretary
etc etc etc

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O. H. M. Service

{ 5th May 1810

Received with Invoice of Coals V Cedar fr. Lady Nelson
and Statement of the Settlement at Newcastle.

J. Thomas Campbell Esquire

Secretary etc. etc. etc.

Sydney

J. Purcell }
Newcastle }

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Sir,

Newcastle 5th May 1810

Inclosed youle find Bill of Lading
of Coals & Cedar per the Colonial Schooner
Mary Ann Account £16, 5 shillings and 0 pence.

If it should be found not
to be convenient at Sydney to build me
two Carts to hold a Ton of coals each. if
I could be sent a wheel right I would have
them built, they are to be built to tilt
& the sooner I either get them or the more
the better.

I wish to apprise His Excellency
that I was within those few days obliged to
break my head Overseer for excessive tyranny
I tried this long time back to temporize him
& break him of a habbit of unnecessary & very
want on system that has been carried on
here this long time back, a system that
never answered any other end than ?

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the Men into the Bush

A. Swift whose time expires
this day as per the return sent me back from
Lt. Lawson goes by this Vessell & the Master
has my directions not to suffer him to land
at Sydney until every thing is found right
as to his time at your office –

I have the honor to be Sir
Your most humble Servant
John Purcell Lieutenant 73 Regiment
Commandant at Newcastle

To

J. T. Campbell Esquire
Secretary
etc. etc. etc.

Sydney

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Sir

Newcastle 14th May 1810

Inclosed youle find Bill
of Lading of Coals & Cedar per the Colonial
Schooner Venus account £35, 18 shillings and 0 pence –
I hope both the men & materials
for carrying on the work of this place are
by this hour shipped as we are in very
great necessity for both. the only alteration
I see necessary to make in my former
requisitions is to add a qty of bolt
Iron for the new wharf –

I have the honor to be
Your most humble Servant
John Purcell Lieutenant
73 Regiment Commandant at Newcastle

T J T. Campbell Esquire
Secretary
etc etc etc

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Sir
If my House at Newcastle would be any
convenience to Government I would prefer an
exchange for any Hut at Sydney to taking a
recompence in cedar, but His Excellencys
wish will be mine

The fact is I frequently feel an inconvenience
for a Lodging when necessity obliges me to remain
for a night in town I this proposal should
meet His Excellencys approbation I would
feel obliged by your communication

Vancluse I have the Honor to be
18th May 1810 Your obliged Humble Servant

John Thomas Campbell Esquire T B Hayes

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Sir Newcastle 26th May 1810
I have the honor to receive Your fav?
of the 14th Inst. per Lady Nelson which Vessel did not arrive here
until the Evening of the 24th Inst. & I loaded her yesterday &
this day & she proceeds wind & weather permitting tomorrow
morning with a Cargo as per inclosed Bill of Lading.

The Endeavour is just this moment come
in after an tedious a passage as the Nelson by which Vessel
I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 17th Inst.
She shall be dispatched with all possible speed with a
Cargo of Lime & Cedar

The Nelson takes the following persons.
Catherine McKinnulty .. by order of His Excellency
Daniel Bradytime expired on the 20th Inst.
Thomas Sealy Ditto Ditto --- Ditto

The prisoners as under mentioned arrived by the Nelson
 Harry Paul Harry . An old man of 60 unfit for Labour
 Morgan with a very bad leg - Ditto
 Coyne } The fifth here of his coming to this
 settlement & always took men with him

To
 J.T. Campbell Esquire I have the honor to be
 Secretary
 & & Your most humble Servant
 Sydney. John Purcell

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Sir Newcastle 2nd June 1810
 I have to acknowledge the Receipt
 your letter by the Endeavour Schooner which Vessel
 I now dispatch with a Cargo of Lime Cedar & Coals
 on Government account amount ----- £97, 11 shillings and 10 pence
 & 2 logs of Cedar & 2 Tons of Coals taken
 in her Cabbin & on her Deck by the Request
 of the owner Mr Nichols & for his use } £3, 17 shillings and 1 pence
£101, 9 shillings and 0 pence

I would have loaded the Endeavour entirely
 with Lime & Cedar agreeable to His Excellency's
 wish but the Master thought it necessary for the
 swim of the Vessel to have some coals.

The Antipodes Colonial Schooner also proceeds
 this tide with a Cargo of Sawed Cedar & Coals for
 account on S. Lord Esquire amount £37, 16 shillings and 42 pence.

I inclose my receipt for slops & stores received by
 the Antipodes but the Store Keeper at Sydney seems
 to calculate that I have nothing else to do but to
 correct his errors. I send back the invoice for correction
 you will perceive he charges Square Iron 5 Bars – 212 pound
 per 5 Bars only weigh 125
 Overcharge of Square Iron to Newcastle Settlement 87pound
 Storekeepers charge of Flat Iron 3 Bars 199
 The 3 Bars only weigh ----- 111
 Overcharged of Flat Iron to Newcastle Settlement 88 pound
 There appears also to be a Duck frock short

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The Error seems so unintelligible to me that I think it
 necessary to inclose the affidavit of the master of the
 Antipodes that he delivered what he receives as also
 that of the Store Keeper of the weight of it here. I would
 be glad to receive both the Iron & this Invoice returned

corrected. The Bolt Iron so necessary for the completion of the new wharf is not arrived.

His Excellency need not have any hesitation in dispatching a Vessel for either Lime Cedar or Coals as notwithstanding my being shorter of hands than this Settlement was known to be since its establishment no Vessel shall be delayed an hour here . I have a raft of Cedar coming down on Thursday & have plenty left.

I have the honor to be

Your most humble Servant

John Purcell

To

J. T. Campbell Esquire

Secretary

& & &

Sydney

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Sydney June 7th 1810

Sir

I received your Letter of this day wherein you mention that you enclose under date of the 6th Ultimo for amendment an Invoice which had been forwarded by me to the Commandant at Newcastle of Provisions per the Governor Hunter wherein there was an overcharge of 672 pounds of Beef – or Two Pieces I have to remark that if such Letter and enclosure was transmitted through your Office to me, it never came to hand or you may depend I should have replied to it; I have however to acknowledge that the overcharge is evident and how I came to overlook it I cannot really account for, but shall be very particular in future – With respect to the second Business of the Iron I have

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have given Mr Gywer's own explanation how that mistake might have happened, but with respect to the Slops and every other Article he is ready to make oath as to the correctness of the account or Invoice

I have now sent you amended – Invoices which can be sent by the Resource & have the Honor to be

Sir

Your obedient

Humble Servant

William Broughton

Accounts Commission

John Thomas Campbell Esquire
Secretary

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Sir

Newcastle 15th June 1810

Inclosed youle find Bills of Lading
of Coals & Cedar per The Lady Nelson Governor Hunter
& Resource all dispatched this tide the former fix
Port Jackson & the two latter for the Hawkesbury
on Government account. I have sent duplicate
Bills of Lading to the office Commanding at the Hawkesbury
of the Cargoes of the Hunter & Resource & requested of
him when he finds the Cargoes delivered to him to
acknowledge the same to Head Quarters.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
two letters of the 7 & 8th Inst per the Resource the latter
inclosing the corrected Invoices from the Accounts Commission
as also a Certificate of Freedom for John Morgan
a prisoner at this Settlement. the attempt to get
this certificate as you suspected is an imposition
Morgan from his own lips told me that he was
tried at Louth & I could six weeks ago have
made you acquainted that this attempt was
about to be made by a Mr Roger Farrells &
one Fate for Morgan. I had in my possession the
copy of the Indent of the Atlass & three other Ships
which one of the Chief actors in this imposition on
Government has here, he is now at the Cedar ground
but when he arrive, I will send them to you. I
inclose you the report of the accounts assistant Surgeon at
this settlement whom I directed to question
Morgan as to his being tried at Louth which accords
with what he told myself: consequently I send

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back the Certificate. If you will refer back to a
letter I wrote you when Coyne – Rafty & Huchinson
absconded from this settlement I mentioned that
they went for the express purpose of robbing and so
it turned out a similar Gang started from this consisting
with the exception of Heywood who is gone
either to Sydney or the Hawkesbury & whom I beg may
be sent back when apprehended, Kenedy who robbed
the Lieutenant Governor was one & was taken at Reids mistake
Rafty is I understand at Sydney may I beg that
he may be sent back. & if there are any more
of those infamous characters about Sydney He answer
to secure them here as its impossible for any that
I once have a suspicion of to leave this settlement –

I have not received the Carts as mentioned in

your letter & I would be obliged by His Excellency
letting me have two shaft Bullocks & Harness
The Bolt iron for the Wharf is not arrived
& the Settlement is in great necessity for two
Steel Mills, It is my intention when the
Wharf is finished to build a Wind Mill I will
send you an estimate of the Vast expense of
those state Mills for the last 12 Months
The Lady Nelson takes from Reids Mistake
some more wood particulars of which will
be sent from that place. I have the honor
to be Your most humble Servant
T J T. Campbell Esquire John Purcell
 Secretary
 & . & . & .

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Perhaps His Excellency would think it advisable
to dispatch the Resource direct here from
Hawkesbury we have about 6 weeks wheat
left in store & the Cargo of the Resource
would about sent

The Nelson takes also

3 logs Cedar for Government House
2 – Ditto – “ Lieutenant Governor O Connell
1 “ “ “ Captain Glinholme
1 small Ditto given for services to
Lance Corporal Rainer & the party
that were with him in apprehending
Runaway's

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O H M Service

From Lieutenant Purcell received 24 June 1810

J. T. Campbell Esquire

Secretary

Per Lady Nelson

J. P.

& & &

Sydney

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Newcastle, 20th June 1810

Sir

Inclosed youle find Bill of Lading of
Coals per Colonial Schooner Mary & Acc. Amount £10-----

The Nelson after returning here from
Sea on account of contrary winds sailed again this morning
& is cut into flitches there. my Clerk goes as far

as that place & has my orders to send the particulars
of it from thence -:

The Resource and Governor Hunter
6 other were dispatched from here on Monday Past
agreeable to His Excellency's orders for the Hawkesbury
Bills of Lading are gone by the Nelson.

I inclose a demand for things
much wanted at this settlement –

I think it my duty to report
to His Excellency that there are a number
of persons at Sydney almost by every Vessel
that comes here writing to the unfortunate
persons at Newcastle promising them that they are obtaining
from His Excellency Emancipations & pardons
& some to get then from this Settlement. it has
the effect of deluding those unfortunate men
& makes them careless if meritting my

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any attention from me for farthering the public
work, may I most humbly beg of His Excell...
in case of any applications being made
to that effect to allow me to report the
conduct of those persons for if any one
at Sydney gets any of the ill behaved bad
working men from this place it will
destroy the entire of the arrangements that I
have made but I beg to assure His Excell..
that no person would feel greater comfort
in recommending a good man than I would
but that description of discipline we ...
having much recourse to punishment
which I have laboured to accomplish
& from which I now feel much
comfort I would be very sorry should
be derainged. I have the honor

to be Your most humble Servant

John Purcell

To J T. Campbell Esquire
Secretary
&c &c &c

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Sydney 8th July 1810

Sir!

Some time has elapsed since
I last endeavoured as far to interest goes in favour
of John Morgan – (6 or 7 years now at Newcastle &
upwards 60 years of age) – as to lay before the
Governor Lieutenant Lawson's Memorial for Morgan's recall
left with you months ago : - Annexed to the

Memorial (if I recollect right) was the acting Surgeon's affidavit of the old man's being now some years invalided at Newcastle : -

He has lost an opportunity to claim upwards of £ 20 he conceives me to him for wages from (the Trustees of) Mr Laycock's Estate, by his continued Residence at Newcastle since the Date of Memorial or Petition given you for him; addressed to the Governor,

You politely promised that on my next written application to you, it should be attended to: I shall feel under much obligation Sir! if by laying before His Excellency the Governor the Memorial attended to, you could obtain an order for John Morgan's return from Newcastle; and in whose care are various articles belonging to me left with him in December last, I which I am in great want of here -

I am Sir!

Your obedient Servant

To John Grant
John Thomas Campbell Esquire

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To John Purcel Esquire Commandant of Newcastle di Ve 21
Memorial of John Morgan

Sherveth

That Memorialist about Seven years ago was an Indentes Servant to Thomas Laycock Esquire when that Gentleman entered into an agreement with Memorialist / who was then His Gardener / to pay him the sum of eight Shillings per week to work the remainder of the day after Government Hours, He repeatedly applied for His said wages, particularly at the expiration of thirty two weeks, in consequence of which that Gentleman gave him great abuse, when Memorialist being much irritated in some degree retaliated, in consequence of that Mr Laycock preferred a complaint of insistence against him before a Bench of Magistrates which consisted of the Lieutenant Governor / Paterson / The Judge Advocate and the Reverend Samuel Marsden who sentenced him a Corporeal Punishment, at same time Mr Laycock declared He would pay him His Wages and deliver him His Clothes, which He detained notwithstanding Memorialist had purchased them of him with ready money, but He never did since either pay him his Wages or deliver him his Clothes, which consisted of the following articles, and was paid for at the prices annexed to them, One piece of Nankeen fourteen Shillings, One ditto nine Shillings two Yards of ditto five shillings, making up of which cost Nineteen Shillings and Six Pence One Hat One pound five shillings One Pair of Shoes fourteen Shillings, One Callico Shirt five shillings, thirteen Yards and a half of Duck at three shillings and Six pence per Yard which amounts to Two Pounds Seven Shillings and three Pence, and three pair of Stockings at three Shillings and Six pence per pair, which is ten Shillings and Six pence and in Total amounts to £20, 5, 3 -

Memorialist is an Infirm Man Sixty two Years of Age

and Laboring under ill health, and has been nearly Six Years in this Settlement where he has conducted himself so as to meet the approbation of His Superiors, -

Memorialist most humbly Prays, Your Honor will assist him so far as to obtain the above sum for him and He will for ever Pray

Newcastle
March 27th 1810

Sworn before me at
Newcastle 28th day of March
One thousand Eight hundred & 10 –
J. P. for Newcastle District

his
X Morgan
marks

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Sir No 111 Newcastle 6th July 1810

I had the honor to receive your fav. per Lady Nelson which Vessell did not arrive here until 2nd Inst. Inclosed youll find receipts of Stores per s? Vessell all right except 1 Gal: 3 pints of Oil short delivered, and in conformity to a wish expressed in a former letter of yours I send the Storekeeper affidavit to that effect, there being so many returns this time I number them the former No 1. I also inclose an account of Stores, slop, clothing, & ordinance, received, expended, & remaining, at this settlement from 26 March @ 30th June this is No 2. The Statement of this settlement from 1st @ 31st May. No. 3. which on account of hurry of business could not be sent in due course month. Statement from 1 @ 30th Jun No 4. Return of Government Stock to the 30th Ultimo No 5. I inclose a Demand for wheat No 6 which if I don't receive soon I shall be under the necessity of replacing the Settlement on he sort ration of that article. The Quarterly return of Public Labour shall go by the next Vessell . I now dispatch the Lady Nelson with 254 Bushells of Lime 20 ½ Toms of Coals 74 feed of Cedar in boards which form a bulkhead to keep the coals & Lime separate 8 logs of Cedar & 25 pieces of Honeysuckle. I shall have an entire cargo of Lime burnt for the Lady Nelson on her return here & I trust what I send will keep your people at work until you receive it. I beg have to inclose a Statement of my people here & their different employments No 7 by which His Excellency will observe how I must have strained every point to get the public business executed, I is to be wondered at how I did it as my best

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men are up the river procuring Cedar of which I will have 3 @ 400 logs by me the latter part of next week I thought it right during

the absence of Vessels at Hawkesbury to cover my beech with timber. in addition to the above I have procured a very fine raft of Pine. 60 long spars for my wharf to a quantity of Posts, Mailing & pealing to fence in the soldiers & prisoners Gardens which were left by my predecessor in a shamefull way This being a Saltmeat settlement I took the latter job. to be a very essential part of my duty.

I am obliged at length to call His Excellency's attention to the circumstance of persons at Head Quarters sending men here afflicted with the Venereal it has raged so here amongst my people as you will perceive by the Inclosure No. 8 that I am obliged to take very active steps to put an end to that as well as enforce something like morality at this place, Newcastle has been the Hell of N S. Wales. The Manner in which sailors coming here were allowed to go on was worse than at the most infamous Street in London or Paris & was I not aware that-it is my duty to follow as near as possible his Excellency's steps at had Quarters I should feel every unwilling to rear my family eye witnesses as they must have been of the practices that have been allowed to exist here, I am obliged to put the females that wont consent to be examined by the Surgeon into a house by themselves & this morning two of them have declared themselves in this way. May I therefore most humbly suggest the propriety of an Assistant Surgeon examining any prisoners that are sent here in future at Sydney & Its take care that Sailors shall conduct themselves

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properly or stay on board their Vessels except on duty The Lady Nelson is pretty forward at those practices & I am sorry to observe her officers not only take the lead but encourage the men to it. His Excellency will observe that I have many young men amongst the Soldiers I have laboured so to keep them in their own district that there does not appear one case of that Kind amongst them & I have great confidence before many months to make Newcastle what-it-never was yet. Rafty, Hogg & Tobin as mentioned in your letter are not arrived. it seems they got off from Mr Overhand he being in the habit of taking off the Irons from the men. he is much to blame as the very last time that Prisoner Coyne came here he in the harbour of Port Jackson got away from him & they caught him going into another Vessel. Will. Morgan who went from this in the Nelson to Lake up some at Reids mistake rose wo... is never returned. but as no person accompanied him I much wonder how he found his way thro' the bush as he came to this country with me I the Ann - he is to be found at a house on the rocks & you to send him & Heywood back. I would be obliged by receiving in Coping of H Excellency's

Proclamation. I have the honor
to be Your most obedient Servant
To John Purcell
J. T. Campbell Esquire NB. There also goes by this
Secretary vessel 2 logs Cedar Government House
& & & one for Mr Daldritch master
of the 73 Band by order of
Mrs McQarrie -

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O. H. M. S.

Per Landy Nelson J Thomas Campbell Esquire Received 9 July 1810
Secretary
J Purcell } & & &
Newcastle

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Sir Tuesday . Wind fair
Newcastle 17th July 1810

I had the honor to receive your letters per the Resource & Lady Nelson both of which arrived on Sunday, The Lady Nelson is now dispatched with a Cargo of Lime & Cedar for Government use from the very quick passage to Sydney that the Lady Nelson has made this time I could not supply the entire cargo of Lime as I so much wish as she left this place on the Sunday week that she arrived & one Kiln will not burn more than 120 Bushells at a time & that 3 times a week but as the Westerly Wind seem to prevail so much which will answer to either go or come from Sydney I will be prepared with a much larger Cargo the next trip which I hope he'll make as quick as the last. If my new

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Kilns were finished I should be able to burn more lime than would supply every demand public or private at Sydney but Ill have my men down the river in another Fortnight from the Cedar ground & I then I will be able to get on with my Improvements I am obliged this time to defer replying more fully to Your letter per Resource as my personal attention was

required to try get off the Nelson
since day light this morning & as
she is now ready to start I will us..
more fully per the Resource which wind
& weather permitting leaves this
tomorrow with mostly coals & rose
wood

I have the honor
to be
Your most obedient Servant
John Purcell

To J T Campbell Esquire
Secretary
& . & .
Sydney

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Newcastle 21st July 1810

Sir

With every respect due to your rank &
situation in life I address you to approve that I request
you be pleased to apply for a surgeon to be appoint=
=ted to this settlement as my Successor.

My reasons for wishing to be
removed proceeds from the low Salary I have 31 per diem
my family consists of four in number, & with such
an allowance I cannot procure them the common
necessaries of life in addition to this I am incon=
=veniened by you taking my Government Man
from me, I cannot blame you for it, I know
the Kings works cannot be done without
your taking Servants to do it, the Settlement
at this time being so thing of Men, & I also know
that at times you are nearly as much incon=
=veniened as myself, but Sir let me beg of you
to

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say if you consider my pay will afford me
to satisfy a Labourer for anything I want
done, such as getting me, fuel, water, &
finding pain.

I will know you gave me
every assistance while you had the means
but it is now utterly impossible for you to do
son any longer situated as you are, for which
together with the kind recommendation you
gave of me to His Excellency the Governor in
Chief I return you my most grateful thanks
& anything I can possibly do in return, I'll
ever be proud of doing.

I have often heard you express

that you was such an economist for
Government that you could not think of
giving a Surgeon the full Salary for this
Settlement, you being of opinion that the
Settlement could not afford it, suffer me to
point out one remark to you which perhaps
you

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may approve of probably at this time there may
be a Medical man a Prisoner in the country,
should that be the case you-“ be enabled to
make the saving to Government you wish. I also
inform you there is a person of the name of
Smith or Sanderson who I understand is a
Surgeon he is at present at Sydney, he
was in the 102 Regiment but I believe is now in the
73rd Regiment should any such person den...
I will remain with him a few days or any ...
you think fit to give him any necessary Instruc=
=tion that you may require. I agreed with
you to remain here until the 1st of October, which
I'll most cheerfully fulfil if you require. I shall
ever feel a grateful sense of the honor & favour His
Excellency the Governor in Chief conferred on me
in appointing me to the Duty of this Settlement through your recommendation. I also
beg leave to say the many instances of favour I have
received at your hands shall never be forgot
& that my reasons for urging to be removed proceed
from my extreme indigence. I have the honor to
remain Sir, your Most Obliged Obedient
& very humble Servant to
Command R Horner

J. Purcell Esquire ? Assistant Surgeon

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On H. M. Service.
John Purcell Esquire
Commandant
Newcastle

P.S. I mean you are obliged to take my Man
away to Load Government Vessels &c

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Sir

Newcastle 21st July 1810

I now dispatch The Resource with
21 Tierces & 53 qt 211 Bushells of Lime & 8 ½ Tons
of Coals, From this method of sending the Lime it

is impossible that any bad result can occur to her from taking it as she first takes a load of Coals which Keeps off all wet & the ? of the Coals are put between the Casks & in the wings both to prevent any broken storage & to prevent the water touching the lime or the lime from having any effect on the seams of the Vessell, I am induced to have recourse to this method from the great necessity Government seem to be in for lime & I would have strictly obeyed His Excellency's order to load her exclusively with Coals & timber did I not see this safe method & which I hope His Excellency will excuse me for doing when my only motive is to further the public works at Head Quarters.

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I would be glad to receive from the Store at Head Quarters 20 Pieces with the proper heads in them & in good order as really the very awkward way we are in for the want of a Cooper takes up half on time & fit will be necessary to send a Cooper on to and the Resource to Cooper those Casks before they are landed if the lime is wanted to be divided amongst different public works it will prove handy as the Pierces qt exactly 5 Bushells & each bag 2 Bushell, I am going on burning more lime & His Excellency may depend on my getting as much burnt as possible, nor need he hesitate to send Vessells as I have plenty of everything else & both the Nelson & Resource can always take up as much lime as will keep the public works going on

Ash oars are procured & will be sent by next Vessell with the order for Honeysuckle for the Dock Yard I beg have to remark that of coarse He send the Ash Oars as per order but that they are worth nothing they spring the first time used & there they remain but as I am informed that they are for His Excellency's boat Ill send a long log of Cedar & when both are cut into oars

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the persons at the Dock Yard will see who is right, I am finishing a very fine 6 oar boat which will be launched as soon as painted the Settlement was in great necessity for one as I have not any others fit to send to relieve

any Vessell in distress at this place.

The two large logs of Cedar for dining tables are procured & will be sent by next Vessell the Rose wood is cutting about one hundred miles up the River the first order I got was for 8 foot lengths I of evenso was obliged to send to countermand that I change it to 12 feet as per the last order. The 1000 feet of I met plank 12 feet long Cedar we had none cut of had we any prior notice of it it should be sent by this Vessell I have but one pair of Sawyers & I think if I send the logs if it is wanted soon it might be cut at Head Quartes.

Our only Black Smith George Davis has served his time & goes by this Vessell a free Man, Charles Seaton one of our Sawyers also goes having served the time fixed on him by His Excellency so that bye & bye the Settlement will dwindle to nothing – Does the advert. of John Morgan a second time in the ? relate to the John Morgan here he thinks it does

I beg that Mr Broughton would have the goodness to send me an order for His Store Keeper

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here to obey an order I issued last week, namely that all Iron issued here for the purpose of being worked by the Smith is first to be weighed by his agreeable to the Number of pounds I give an order for, he is then to receive back the article for which the Iron is issued & reweigh & reissue it keeping an account of the loss in working it up. This I am obliged at length to trouble His Excellency with, as the plunder on Government here has been incredible, His Excellency will be astonished to hear of an Overseer taking for one lot of Cedar given him informer times 32 Guineas, His Excellency will be astonished to hear of 2 Crot of Iron being taken back from a Vessell conveyed on board by a Prisoner or black Smith & that Man never committed for it, it is no wonder that this Settlement could never sheer a shilling Credit on the yearly accounts the yearly plunder here could not be less than 4 @ 500 per annum I defy them at this turn to rob Government of an inch of Cedar or a pound of Iron, when a raft comes down I take my book number every log & make the Mensuration give me the rough dimensions of it with his rule I afterwards send him to measure it over again himself & after bring it into Superf... feel I compare & if he differs to ? back I enter that at the Debit-side of the Cedar account

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preserving the rough calculation of lengths & breadth by which means when a log of a certain length is wanted I only look to my Book & the Credit side of my Cedar account shoes the disposal which if it does not tally I must miss the number The trouble I have been at to prevent the different tradesmen from robbery would astonish you I issued a warrant of search to a Constable & found five hundred feet of Cedar in the hands of Individuals - I did determine not to trouble His excellency with those abuses but to remedy them but as I cant do things without help I hope Mr Broughton will issue the necessary order I have no fault to find with the Store Keeper but it seems to him to be a thing out of his line & I don't wish to interfere with another department without consulting the head of it. I inclose Mr Horners letter to me wishing to leave this place, there are several persons at Head Quarters that will visit this place such as a Soldier of the name of Sunderland of the Invalid Company & it is not to be expected that this place could afford a greater Salary than 3 f per diem as to employing Servants here when Vessells are in a hurry to be loaded which is the only time

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I call on the Servants to work I furthering out my own before I call on others & as long as we have enough to eat & plenty of work to Keep us from Mischief & that the prisoners coming down from Head Quarters are examined by a Surgeon any one will do here, I hope you will excuse this long letter – I have the Honor to be Your most humble Servant
John Purcell

To J. T. Campbell Esquire
Secretary
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Newcastle 4th August 1810

Sir

I had the honor to receive your letters of the 25th Ultimo per Lady Nelson as also that of

the 28th per Resource. By the former I received 4 steel mills (very good ones) the Prisoners Dwyer Hogg & Baker. I am now burning lime in frame Kilns up where the shells used to come from as well as at the settlement & will load the Nelson entirely with Lime - By the Resource which I now dispatch with an entire Cargo of Coals I received the amount of the inclosed receipts we are in great necessity for Colours as our principal ? Staff colours and all were carried away by a gale of wind of which we have had a great plenty this 3 weeks back.

I note what you say respecting Mr Horner's remaining here for the present. It is said that Mr. Evans is coming here

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I think it my duty to inform His Excellency that this Settlement whenever a Surgeon on the Establishment or full pay of 7f 6 per Diem has been here has always been in a state of confusion, that there never has been any peace they uniformly have interfered in every thing & from the circumstances of the Commandant being a Subaltern Officer & at the pay of only 5 f per diem they always have considered themselves higher in rank & tho' persons not intimately acquainted with the Settlement may think it of little consequences yet I beg His Excellency would be Kindly pleased to engage back if any Surgeon & Commandant that ever were here agreed & which the Settlement was not the Sufferer by their quarrels My particular motion for troubling His Excellency with this business is to avoid quarrelling with any one I have had a long up hill work of bringing the Settlement to what it is & at least until I put in execution my plans of Improving this place I should be sorry to be obliged to beg of His Excellency to be removed – Two Persons of the names

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of Brayly & Burgess have absconded from here after whom I have sent Privates Rayner & Melville of the ? under my Command with position orders to go no farther than broken bay I find that they are not returned & must have gone to Sydney if they are suffered to go

unpunished Soldiers will soon go thro' the bush
as well as prisoners for this place and already
as disagreeable to the One as the other –
Brayly is a Miner & is much wanted
back. There are ten Men as labourers
in the Camp Gang of Sydney of the Names
of Clark & Storsels who would both do
as Sawyers here. I would be thankful to
receive a Telescope as the One that ?
here was taken away by Mr. Lawson
as he should it belonged to Mr Wright –
I inclose the Bills of lading of the Antipodes
as well as the Resource the former sails
tomorrow morning for India –

I have the honor to be
Your most humble Servant
John Purcell

To
J T Campbell Esquire
Secretary
& & &

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Received 7 August 1810

O. H. M. S.

Per Resource J. T. Campbell Esquire
4th August 1810 Secretary
J Purcell } - & & &
Sydney

As Nelson ? at Sydney are
now at a land for Lime
the Lady Nelson is to be sent
up immediately ? arrives of
? Resource with as much of
.....

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Newcastle 23 August 1810

Sir
Inclosed youll find Bill of
Lading per Resource which Vessell lies here wind
bound, If a punt cant be spared from Sydney
I beg that we may receive One hundred Beef
Tierces complete with Heads & the Cooper for
the lime, otherwise we stand every chance
of losing large quantities from time to time
by having those I may safely write to Port
Jackson saying that we have a Cargo ready
& if the Vessell goes to the place when its
burnt as youll perceive by the inclosed
certificate that she can, nothing but contrary
winds can delay her here. I never

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received back either the Casks or Bags we formerly
sent lime in per Resource. Bags if to spare
would also be usefull to us. I send the two large
Logs Cedar (the finest I ever saw) fine logs fit for the
12 feet 3 inch plank ordered some time since & six planks
of Rose Wood, Inclosed youll find accounts for
Maize and (Brentan ?). I have the honor
to be Your most humble Servant
John Purcell

To J. T. Campbell Esquire
Secretary
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The Native have taken two great
coats out of ? boat as she lay
at New compassess point

40 Tierces filled with
Corn –

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On Service - Received 25 August 1810

Per Resource J. T. Campbell Esquire
Secretary 23 August 1810
& & &
J. Purcell} Sydney

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Sir

It is with extreme regret that I am
necessitated to trouble your attention relative to my
present truly miserable & irksome situation

I understand that at the present
moment that a number of the Inhabitants of
this Settlement are using their efforts
with you to injure me. They openly
declare that I have been the Principal
cause of every wil that exists here – they
say I have misled you & that peace will never
be established here unless I am removed

Who are the ringleaders of such gross misrepresentations. I at present do

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not exactly know, but I hope I shall soon be enabled to show I am a very different man.

I append to you to do me common justice which I have no doubt but you will, & then of course you will admit I have been a friend to every Man & woman under your command

I admit that yesterday I was much intoxicated with liquors & that I behaved very ill to some Persons in the Settlement. I was in a state of insensibility which added to to an apology. I have made to the Persons I insulted I think in a ? ought to draw forgiveness

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from those I offended.

Some have even been brave to say I have pressed charges against you to His Excellency the Governor, on that imputation I am safe as of course His Excellency will acquit one. You have been a to me I return you my most sincere thanks for the same & rest assured I will never act ungrateful.

I beg I be seek you to get me removed immediately. I return you His Excellency & every other person who has endeavoured to promote my welfare thanks, but such assured I would sooner beg for my Bread than live amongst such bad People. I have the honor to be

Sirs your obedient & very
humble Servant
R Horner Assistant Surgeon

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J Purcell Esquire
Commandant

Newcastle

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Sir

6 Sept 1810

As there is no alternative
of getting stock nor no Market to
got to Ill thank you to let me
have three cows & Forty sheep there
has such been & at such period
or your Excellency will order

I have the honor
to be Your most humble Servant
John Purcell

To His Excellency Commandant at Newcastle
Governor Macquarie 6 September 1810
& &
Sydney

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Answer

The Governor
cannot grant the
request of Lieutenant Purcell for
Cattle to the full extent there of
but in consideration of the inconveniency
he labours under by being so far removed
from a market the Governor authorizes him
to take from the Government Herds at Newcastle Two
Cows and Twenty Breeding Ewes – for which
he must pay the usual Government Prices
but he will be allowed credit for the
same for three years on giving the proper
security bond for the amount, and which
? Commissary will transmit for his Signature. -

L.M.

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Newcastle 9 September 1810

Sir

Inclosed youll find Bill of
Lading of Cedar & Coals per Northumberland
Colonial Schooner amount £22, 6 shillings and 3 pence –
The Lady Nelson sails tomorrow
with a full cargo of Lime and another Cargo
is in great forwardness for her it would be

as well when she comes here if Wind & Tide suits that she was immediately to proceed to New compasses point as Anchor at the Settlement. I pledge myself if His Excellency orders him to do so that in two days he is regularly loaded I have arranged it with my lime burners & then if unnecessary delay takes place, on a.. the part of the Master of the Lady Nelson I will simply report it but

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..... I don't mean to have any personal transaction with him, he yesterday complained of the Governor Provision that he drew here being of a bad quality & that we had no Sugar to give him for quietness sake I recommended to the Store Keeper to change it & I supplied both this & the last time my own Sugar here not being any belonging to Governor here. The Spares for the Governor boat will be sent by the very next opportunity. they are cut & should go this time but this week we have had to load 2 Governemt & on Colonial Vessell & as the Launches are necessary to bring them down they could not be spared without delaying the Vessells. One of our Launches is obliged

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to be hassled up to repair & when it is accomplished & some Iron work done her that we cant do without I have promised Crump to go Sydney tho' he is a very undeserving Character he is a very handy man & one that this Settlement cant do without but he when he likes & perhaps when the greatest hurry is with any thing no one else here can do but ? will run counter & do nothing Mr Lawson & Mr Wright have tried all ways with him but he is of all the unmanagable persons I ever met the most so. If I am instructed right there is a person at Sydney wants to have him but I beg for the good of the Settlement he may be sent back. I have the honor to be Your most humble Servant

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Per Northumberland O. H. M. S Received 11 September 1810

J T Campbell Esquire
Secretary &&&

Purcell Sydney

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Sirs Newcastle September 10th 1810

As nothing more can be done for the
Prisoner John Carberry afflicted with a rupture
of the Urethra, which has turned Fistulous } but
by an operation, I wish, with your permission to
send him to the General Hospital at Head
Quarters for that purpose.

I am
Sirs
Your
obedient
?
W. Evans
Acting Assistant Surgeon

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Service

Captain Wattis
Commandant

Acting Assistant Surgeon Evans /

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Sir Newcastle 16 September 1810

Inclosed youll find Invoice of
1125 Bushells of Lime per Lady Nelson which Vessell
arrived here in the Night tide from New compassers
point (such is the intricacy of the river) & sails this
tide for Head Quarters – Another Cargo for
The Lady Nelson is now in such forwardness
that 300 Bushells are heading up in Casks &
to secure them from the weather in case of
rain & a Kiln of 1000 Bushells is made
& if I had casks to secure it immediately
set fire to it but I think it more ?
to go on making another Kiln of 1000

Bushells as the burning is no delay
& I be judge what time to set fire to the
Kiln so as to be ready for the Nelson

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It will be obvious to you how necessary
Casks are here from my being obliged to
have recourse to the foregoing arrangement
we can Muster 60 now which will only hold
300 Bushells & at the rate of 5 Bushells to
the Cask you can easily imagine the
quantity wanted. I make a demand
for twenty Black pieces very necessary to
to saw the Soldiers regimental Muskets in
the Bush. From the circumstances of His
Excellency being tormented with infamous letters
from this place written thro'
the persuasion of evil disposed persons such
as Mr Overham & others I beg His Excellencys
opinion of the following arrangement to
be published here in public orders –

Every person wanting any necessary
whatever from Head Quarters is to

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apply to the Camp Clerk who has
The Commandants order to
to write any letter he may want for such
necessaries –

And any person having a complaint
against The Commandant to His Excellency
The Governor at Head Quarters will be
furnished by the Commandant with gratis papers
to prefer the same but he pledges
himself if any false complaint should
be made he will forward it as well
as any true one (should he ever give them
an opportunity of preferring the
latter) but if on Enquiry the complaints
should prove groundless to put an end to
the infancy of Designing persons he
will punish with d... severity the
false complainant ---- I have the proper

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for the preservation of quiet & good order that Mr
Overham shall discontinue his nightly visits amongst
the prisoners & drop all communication with them

I inclose one of the letters that are in the habbit

of going from the Settlement I send some
planks of rose wood as per received & I have
the honor to be Your most obedient Servant
John Purcell

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20th September 1810

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It having been ascertained
that a very fine kind of Fustick has been found
at Hunter's River; no Trees of that kind are to be
cut down, but by a written Permission from the
Governor.

signed

Lachlan Macquarie

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Sir

Newcastle 27th September 1810

I had the honor to receive your letter
of the 13th Inst. Per The Resource which Vessel is now dispatched with
a Cargo of coals & Cedar as per Inclosed Bills of Lading,
The Resource also takes one Log & one flitch of Cedar
for His Honor The Lieutenant Governor as also a log of Cedar as Per
order of His Excellency given to ? Crofts Master of the
Reource as a remuneration for a Coat of His lost on
Service, Amongst The Cedar goes One Log
to answer the dimensions sent here for the Government
Mill I could send more but The Master of the Resource
could not take them in being so heavy but if I am sent
the thickness of the flitch I can get the Slabs sawed off
here leaving it 30 Inches thro' one way but a mould
would be more satisfactory,

I note the order of His Excellency
respecting sending Cedar to Individuals without His order
order & it shall be most strictly obliged.

I feel it my duty to report that a log
of Cedar has been taken from this during the last long
stay of His Majesties Col. Brig Lady Nelson, who
took it I cant positively say but I received an information
from Assistant Surgeon Horner saying that the first mate
of The Brig had informed him of it & that he had heard

it before this from a female prisoner of the name of Maria Johnson who is in habits of intimacy with Marks the mate, it will be well to question both Mr Horner & the Mate on the subject as a repetition of anything of this kind would be attended with some

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loss to Government. It was taken from off the banks of the river between this Settlement and New compassers point as The Nelson lay there but tho I was told it was on board I desisted searching the Vessell for two Reasons. The First least it should be a scheme of those persons to involve me in further dispute with the Master & Secondly the Vessell being fully loaded with lime & have of been a considerable time from Head Quarters it could be causing further delay as I was informed it was put amongst the lime in the hold & to find I must unload the Vessell. The log was one I took particular notice of & is gone whoever took it –

I am referred to respecting the Character of a female Prisoner here of the name of Johnson whom Wilson a Seaman of the Resource says he wants to marry, I had an application from Marks the Mate of the Nelson to sign a Certificate of her good Character that he may take it to His Excellency to get leave to marry her only the very last time he was here & if I mistake not His Excellency had a person application from a Man of the Name of Davis a Blacksmith who lately left this Settlement for the same purpose all those applications in the same Month. all I can say in her favour is that I would be greatly obliged to His Excellency to remove her from this place as she is very often the means of delaying Vessels here but as to recommend her as a fit object for Matrimony I must decline doing any such thing in the first instance If I am rightly informed she was married to a man of the name of Johnson be the Rev. Mr Marsden

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who is now living at the Derwent. & in the second she is almost depraved prostitute & on both accounts it would be a great pity to have any young man thrown away on her, If I am rightly informed this is only a scheme to get the woman up, but I most strongly recommend her being removed somewhere from here –

The Resource was delayed this time owing to the unfortunate loss of two of her men who on Sunday last were fishing in a sailing boat off this harbour when all on a Sudden one of the most violent Gales I recollect to have seen here almost all at once came on & carried them amongst the breakers about ten Miles on the North shore when both men & the boat were dashed to pieces. An application was made to

me to send a Soldier & one of my people to search for them the boat was found in a thousand pieces but the bodies of the unfortunate men are not yet reached the shore, I have repaired a boat & furnished the Master of the Resource with it & I send one of my most understanding men here with him to assist him as he is short of hands but I hope this man will be made return by the first Vessell I mean now that I have a boat fit for it to send a boat & pilot to every strange Vessell coming here if such was the case formerly it would be the means of saving many a Vessell & lives that have been lost coming in here, I most humbly beg to

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recommend the old man that goes with Crafts to be placed in that situation he Knows every stone coming into this very dangerous harbour & in my opinion is the very fittest man for the situation, should His Excellency approve of it I must leave it to His Excellency to fix what Vessells making a signal for a pilot ought to pay.

I anxiously look out for some Vessell to take away what lime I have ready least we should have more heavy rains. & I hope more cask will be sent, I do not like to be disgraced by the long time that Vessells are staying here lately & I must report any future unnecessary delays, as I am determined never to have more to do with the Masters than to load them, I am in great want of "spying Glass we suffer very much for want of One. I am much obliged for the Miner sent here he is of great use & I think will do well, We are now getting on well & God grant we may continue so, I am very anxious to get a few more men as really we are obliged to shift greatly to get on.

I have the honor to be

Your most humble Servant

J Purcell

Sydney

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James McGuire came in the Ship Fortune
Tried at Manchester New Baily April 18th 1804
- has been a Sailor for Six years –
recommended at Pilot
J. P.

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By His Excellency Lachlan Macquarie Esquire,
Captain General and Commander in Chief, in and own
His Majesty's territory of New South Wales and
its Dependencies, &ca &ca &ca

Instructions for the guidance and Government
of Lieutenant Purcell of the 73rd Regiment
Commandant at Newcastle -

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- 1 The principal objects in view on the original Establishment of a Port or Military Station at Newcastle having been to procure supplies of Coals, Timber and Lime for the Services of Government, You are to employ all the means you are possessed of, in the prosecution of these Objects, and to endeavour to have collected at all times, large Supplies of those Articles, ready to be shipped on board the Government Vessels, or on board such Vessels as may be hired by Government on their arrival in the Coal River,

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taking care to dispatch said Vessels immediately on their being loaded; - and for your guidance each Vessel will carry from hence a specification of the Articles with which she is to be laden, to which you are to conform as nearly as circumstances will admit.

- 2 You are to keep regular Accounts, entered in a Book of the quantity of Coals, Timber (specifying the different sorts) and Lime sent to Sydney or elsewhere for the use of Government, and also of what articles are shipped for Private Individuals or sold to Vessels proceeding to other Ports
- 3 You are to keep and enter in a Book, regular accounts of the Labor of the Mechanics and Convicts employed under your command and to transmit to the Secretary for the information of the Governor regular monthly returns thereof, together with monthly Statements of the Settlement and other returns as heretofore transmitted for the Governor's information; for which your Predecessor

in the Command of Newcastle, gave you the Forms

- 4 You are to transmit to the Secretary, by each Vessel on her being dispatched from Newcastle an account of the various Articles constituting her Cargo whether for the use of Government or of Individuals, accompanied by the Receipts of the Commanders of said Vessels, and at the same time to send a counterpart of said Accounts and Receipts to the Naval Officer.
- 5 The Masters of the Government Vessels or of Vessels employed by Government are to be held responsible for their own regular good conducts and that of their Crews, and you are to report tot the Governor any misconduct on their part, or any resistance they may give to the established Orders and Regulations of the Port of Newcastle, by which they and their Crews are to be governed during their stay at Newcastle Commander of Government Vessels however are not to be confined, except in case of notorious & ? misconducts
- 6 Some print Copies of the Government regulations

touching Vessels going to Newcastle, (now revised) are sent for your information and guidance, and you are to give them all possible public=
=city at Newcastle.

- 7 No Person whatever, whether Civil, Military or Convicts, under your Command is to be permitted to leave Newcastle or to come to Sydney/ except in case of extreme illness or pressing necessity / without the Governor's permission being signified to you through the Secretary.
- 8 The Convicts under your Command are to be permitted to wish as after as they please the their friends and Relations at Sydney or or elsewhere, and to be granted every reason=
=able indulgence consistent with their situ=
=ation and circumstances. They are also to be allowed to receive any Necessaries or Comforts which my be sent to them, by their friends at Sydney; Spirits only

excepted.

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- 9 Monthly returns of all crimes committed by Convicts both Male and Female together with their sentences and the punishments inflicted, are to be regularly transmitted to the Secretarys Office for the information of the Governor.
- 10 Such Prisoners or Convicts a conduct themselves with regularity and Propriety for a length of time, you are to report to the Governor as occasion may serve, in order that they may desire the advantage of good conduct, by being relieved from that Station and replaced by others from Sydney, when that can be done without prejudice to the Public Service. This, you are to make known to all those under your Command with a view to stimulate the ill behaved, to a reformation of conduct, and the well behaved to a perseverance in that conduct, which will be to their own advantage.
- 11 You are not only to permit but to encourage the Convicts under your command to cultivate Gardens, and to rear Poultry and Pigs for their own use and comfort.

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- 12 Corporal Punishments are to be inflicted, as seldom as possible and never but on clear distinct evidence. And you are to report all Punishments as diserted in the 9th Article of these Instructions
- 13 When Prisoners are required to work the whole day, they are to be allowed an Extra half ration of Provisions or some other adequate compensation.
- 14 You are not to permit any Coals, Lime or Timber of any kind to be sent to any Individual at Sydney in the Government Vessels, or in any Vessel chartered by by Government, without the Governor's permission being signified to you through the Secretary.
- 15 Altho' it has been hithirto customary for

the Commandant at Newcastle, to be indulged with the Services of four Government Min for his own private use; it is / in future / to be clearly understood that this Indulgence is not to be claimed as a matter of Right; The Commandant

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being allowed a Salary as a remuneration for his additional Duties in that situation. The Governor however has no objection to you having the services of four convicts, so long as they can be spared without prejudice to the Public Service, but when the Public Labour, or any particular pressing emergency may require them, they are to be given up, and employed for the Service of Government.

- 16 If the conduct of the Prisoners should at any time, indicate a spirit of Mutiny or any extraordinary degree of licentiousness, you are to issue orders expressive of regret to the Leaders of such Factions, and inform them to retire to their respective Huts or Lodgings at 8 O Clock every evening, where you are to have them regularly mustered at that hour; and you are to require each Prisoner to inform you of his or her place of residence.
- 17 Owners of Private Huts are to be apprized that they will be held responsible for the ill conduct of any prisoners lodging with them, unless

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they themselves come forward and give information against these, and you are to require all Persons who let Lodgings, to give information against such Lodgers as pass their nights abroad.

- 18 As it has been a custom with Preceding Governors of this Territory to grant Emancipations and Free Pardons to persons applying for them on each 4th of June (the King's Birthday) which has been known to induce convicts at the coal River to desert their duty there and come to Sydney in the hope of obtaining their Liberty; You are to make it distinctly known to them all, that the Governor will not grant Pardons or Emancipations to any Persons whatever, on that day, or on any

other stated occasion, - and that the only means of obtaining that clemency and extension of Royal Mercy will be good character and conduct.

- 19 You are to caution all Persons not to remove any coals, Timber or Stones from one place to another for their own or any other person's use, without first obtaining your Permission. This regulation is not to be understood or

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as an actual restraint on Persons applying any property they may have is those articles to their own use, but merely as a preventive measure against Fraud.

- 20 You are to caution the Convicts against using abusive Language, or otherwise ill treating the Constables or Overseers in the execution of their Duty; such conduct being equally subversion of good order and propriety, as if used to your= self, and it is to be punished in the same way.
- 21 When Slops are to be issued, and the supply hap= pens to fall short of the demands of those who are entitled to them, you are to exercise your discretion in the distribution of them, and to give orders on the Store-keeper to those who appear most in want of these – You are also to inform those who cannot them be served that they will receive their proportions on the first arrival of Slops from Sydney.
- 22 All Slops, as well after as before Distribution, being the Property of Government, You are to cau= tion the Convicts against selling or exchanging them, and the Public against buying of them as they will be thereby guilty of Felony, and

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Persons so buying Slops of any kind are to be prosecuted and punished accordingly by Law.

- 23 In case of any occasional deficiency in the Wet or Dry Provisions, which may require a reduction to be made in the usual Ration, You are to issue an order to the store-keeper specifying the nature and extent of the reduction which he is to make – when such deficiency is of a very short temporary nature, you are to make

it good, on the arrival of fresh Supplies, and you are to apprise all persons on the Stores, of the necessity for the reduction, and of the intended recompense on the arrival of further Provisions – This may prevent dissatisfaction on their part, and is but an Act of Justice towards them.

24 No Oil is to be issued from the Stores but by your Order, wherein you are to exercise your discretion and be governed by the nature of the demand and the quantity in Store.

25 When full Rations are to be issued you are to give an order to that effect to the Store-keeper, and to specify the quantity of each article to be issued in the Ration. This order you are to give Weekly, on

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the day previous with weekly issue, and you are also to prescribe the quantity of the ration, when you may find it necessary to reduce it, in the same specific manner as when a full Ration can be afforded.

26 You are strictly to prohibit any Person from going on board any Ship or Vessel that may arrive in the Coal River, unless he or she had first obtained your permission to do so, under pain of Corporal punishment to be inflicted in moderation and humanity – Masters of Ships or Vessels carrying off; or even receiving on board, any person without a Pass from you, are to be reported to the Governor through the Secretary.

27. In case any Ship or Vessel should be wrecked or stranded either in the Coal River or on the neighbouring Coasts, any Property which can be saved out of such Vessel is to be put into the Government Stores for the use and benefit of the Owners, and should any person be found using or embezzling any part of such property, the Offender is to receive corporal punishment, or to be transmitted to Head Quarter to be prosecuted according to Law

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according as you consider but suited to the degree of the Offence.

28. Blacksmiths and Nailors found working up from hoops or other articles made of Iron, without being able to give a clear and satisfactory account of their having obtained these honestly, you are either to Punish by corporal chastisement, or to transmit these to Head Quarters to be prosecuted for felony, according to the extent and circumstances of the Offence.
- 29 On improper and injurious custom subsisting among some of the Convicts of purchasing and collecting Provisions at low prices from their fellow prisoners, whereby the latter are deprived of their necessary subsistence, and the Purchasers send the same to Sydney or bartered them to Sailors and Masters of Vessels in the Coal River for Spirits or other articles – You are most strictly to caution all Persons against this practice – and should it be proved that any Master of a Vessel or Sailor has purchased articles in this way; You are to order their immediate departure from the Coal River and to represent the circumstance by the first opportunity to the Governor. The Articles

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so bartered or sold you are to cause to be seized and give one half to the Informer who proves the fact, and the other half to the most helpless and harmless among the convicts – you are also to give moderate corporal punishment to the Convicts so offending, and to report their conduct to the Governor.

- 30 You are strictly and publicly to forbid every kind of Barter between the Masters of Vessels and the Convicts, under the Penalties specified in the foregoing Article.
- 31 It being equally necessary for the security of the Colony and of all Vessels lying in the Coal River that the Masters and Sailors belonging to them, should sleep on board, you are to direct all Masters and Sailors to go on board their respective Vessels before 8 O'Clock at night in the Winter Season and before 9 O'Clock in the Summer Months – Sailors for a first offence are to be confined for the night and sent on board next day and not to be permitted on that occasion to land again – for a second offence, they are to receive 25 Lashes and to be put to Government work, until the Governor's

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pleasure shall be made known to you; and Masters of Vessels acting in disobedience to this order are to be confined for the Night and you are to report their conduct to the Governor.

32 You are strictly to forbid all Persons from harbouring or permitting any Master of a Vessel or Sailor to remain in their houses, huts or lodgings after bell ringing at 8 O'Clock in the evenings in Winter and 9 O'Clock in Summer contrary to the foregoing article, and a breach of this injunction is to be punished by forfeiture to Government of all houses or Huts wherein they have been so harboured The Persons so harbouring them, are also to receive moderate corporal punishment.

33 You are to authorize the Centinel at the Wharf to detain any Master of a Vessel or Sailor who shall be found transgressing the 31st Article of these Instructions.

34 The Inhabitants at large are to be cautioned against cutting down or burning Cedar or Honey suckle without having first obtained your permission those Woods being

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required by Government for other purposes than fuel, and you are to prosecute any breach of this order, as a Felony. –

35 All persons whether belonging to, or Passengers on board of any Vessel in the Coal River are immediately to repair on board said Vessel so soon as she has cleared out, and they are to hold no communication with the Shore afterwards, unless in case of accident or other unforeseen emergency, and in such case they are to obtain your permission.

36 Much injury having been done to the Coal Mines by persons destroying the Pillars which support the roofs of the Pits in a most wanton and improper manner, you are to prohibit any person from removing Coals from thence, without having your permission, and then they are not to remove them, unless some of the Miners or other person appointed to guard

them is present, to prevent damage.

- 37 Some Lives having been lost by persons bathing on that part of the Beach when there is a heavy surf, you are to caution all Persons

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against bathing in any other place than on the Beach within the Harbour, to the Westward of the Wharf.-

- 38 The Convicts are to be regularly mustered every Sunday morning, and when the weather permits you are to read prayers to them yourself or to get the Assistance Surgeon to do so. On such occasions the Military are to attend also, and you are to inform the convicts that you will expect them to appear clean and decent in their dress according to their situations and the Clothes they have received from Government. Convicts not attending unless prevented by Ill-health, you are to punish by confinement and additional Labour for the ensuing Week.
- 39 As the Instructions conveyed to you in a letter from the Secretary, dated the 9th of August 1810, under six heads, were only intended for your guidance until more ample ones should be framed, and are now interwoven

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into the present Instructions, You are to consider the former as cancelled, and to be altogether guided by the present – Should any occurrence take place which is not exactly provided for, in these Instructions, you are to be guided by the general Spirit and tendency of them, always administering Justice with clemency, and you are at all times rather to forego Punishment than inflict it where the evidence of guilt is not perfectly clear and satisfactory.-

Given under my head
at Government House, Sydney,
this 1st day of Oct. 1810.-

Signed L. Macquarie.

By command
of His Excellency
(signed) John Thomas Campbell
Secretary

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No 136

Newcastle 10th October 1810

Sir

I had the honor to receive Your letter of the
3rd Inst. per Resource which Vessel arrived here on the 17th Inst.

In answer to article No. 2 contained in your
letter concerning Mr Horner going to Sydney I beg learn to state that
when Mr Horner mentioned to me his intention of going to Sydney
he did so saying that he was a free man & would go & added
it was not his intention to return if His Excellency permitted the
persons here to threaten him to write of him on every hands
turn, my answer was that either he or I had no right to
remark on what ever was His Excellency's pleasure that
the people wrote about me but the I was conscious of
my innocence yet I dare not as a Subordinate
officer attempt to remark on his Excellency's pleasure
& that when he was a long in the service as I was he
would know better, really this mans brain seems to
me to be turned when he comes from Sydney, he some
time since accompanied by one of the vilest prostitutes
in existence whom he lives with went down the camp to the prisoners huts
& thought proper to abuse a number of my people
confined a Man in the Guard house & gave orders
of different descriptions to my Sentries, after this
conduct I of course could not consistent with the
situation His Excellency has place me in
show him any countenance until he made
appologies to the different persons he abused & ill

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treated, I inclose his letter to me on the subject, but as thank
God the Settlement was never more quiet & happy
than it is at present I only beg that this Gentleman
may be informed that he is not to interfere with any
thing but his Medical duties as this time the moment
he landed he bragged in the open that he had
settled every thing his own way, perhaps when
His Excellency appointed him on the establishment
of Newcastle he was unacquainted that not two
Years before he received 500 Lashes for giving false witness to,
on a trial of which the late Capt Pullman R N. was
? in this very camp. for my part I am determined
to have no quarrel with him or any one in
future but when a man takes such liberties I think
it right to keep him at a distance

The name of the person I recommended as pilot is James McGwire he is an old Seaman & no man better qualify'd than he is for the situation he has Six months to seem of His time may I most humbly recommend his Emancipation he is the honestest man in whole list of the prisoners & a sober & always's well conducted person.

Thomas Crump agreeable to His Excellency's order goes up by this conveyance it seems he is certain of remaining at Sydney as the plan of a Mr Bevan who wants him there is to get

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a number of persons to sign a paper to His Excellency for him If he stops all want four artificies in his place, he is paid for all his Extra time in Cedar & his time is regularly taken as he works over 3 O'clock, he is by no means a person from his general conduct that ought to have more lenity shown to him than pay him. for his extra time, he is as artfull a man as any in the Colony,

I return His Excellency my most sincere thanks for the instructions sent me I now know how to act & they shall be most strictly adhered to, The Resource this time takes 14 Tons Coals 2 spares for Government boat & a large log to cut 2 flecks for Government Mill, the Rosewood & Honeysuckle by the Lady Nelson as she always wants something on her deck to bring her by the stem when full of lime 3 Cargos of which are in readiness for her, she was in sight on Tuesday & blown off. Inclosed youll find the different returns required as well as demand for articles wanted here

I have the honor to be

Your most humble Servant

J Purcell

To J. T. Campbell Esquire

Secretary

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Satchel the fugitive is brought in yesterday evening –

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O.H.M.S. Received per Resource
October 1810

To J. T. Campbell Esquire

Secretary

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Sir

Newcastle 23rd October 1810

Inclosed youll find Bill of
Lading Per Governor Hunter amount £87, 10 shillings and 0 pence

Having now sent a large quantity
of Cedar by this Vessell & the Lady Nelson I should
hope that we will not be obliged to send a mixed
Cargo for some time to come as Government lose by
the broken stowage, Timber & Coals will arrive
to mix but the lime being burnt in such large
Kilns is so much hotter & better quality than
any ever before burnt ~~before~~ in the colony
that it is very difficult to handle logs amongst it.

I have 50 Tons of very excellent Coals on
the wharf, I find great difficulty in hindering
some persons here from picking them from the
Mines tho His Excellency's orders have
been near on that head,

I much wish to recess the Arcs &
old rope as I am very anxious to sent up

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the river for Cedar & amongst the last
batch of men sent here, (The Aurora's Men)
I find a number of Men that can
work They have play'd all manner of
tricks to get off but they will find are
too many for them.

I can with a great deal
of safety say that this settlement was
never more quiet than at present
The people all cry out to get a
man out of their way they will be
happy – My Clerk wants permission
to go to Sydney on pass to return by the
Vessell that he goes by I find him
a very steady well behaved & deserving
old man & on that account beg to
recommend him for that indulgence

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In sending rope for the use of this settlement
I beg to suggest the plan of taking the

bad ropes from the Government Vessels as old
rope is quite as useful to us as new &
far safer from being stolen. I find
not worth lending all my cast respect
from that 800 staples are gone which
I supposed I have ready to send up the
river, seales & weights are much
wanted the wts have not been
adjusted those 2 years & more. it would
be with it a set of standard wts
were also kept here to regulate the
others by. As the wind has although
sprung up fair for this Vessell this morning
I hope she will make a steady voyage.
Ill be ready for the Nelson let her
come when she will – I have the
honor to be your most humble Servant
To J T Campbell Esquire John Purcell
Secretary &c &c &c
Sydney

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Per Governor Hunter received 25 October 1810

J. T. Campbell Esquire

Secretary

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Newcastle 10 November 1810

Sir

I have the honor to receive
your letter by the Resource of the 2nd Ins. which
Vessel is now dispatched with a Cargo of Coals
& 800 feet of Rose wood plank. The Master
informed me that he is ordered on account of the
bad state of the Vessell not to load any
Cedar logs & he informing me that he received
that Verbal order after he got your letter to
deliver to me I did not on that account send
Cedar by him. It is a great pity that the
different demands for felling axes made
by me on the 20 & 28 August 15 & 29 September &
20th October have not been employed with as thereby
I am prevented to procure any Cedar nor has
the only Black Smith ~~at this~~ belonging to

this settlement who got in pass for
16 days on the 11th Ultimo yet returned
to enable me to get any made if not
supplied from Head Quarters. Besides
the Runaway's mentioned in the inclosed
statement for October McMahan McIntire
& Barns have since gone no doubt to the
Hawkesbury, had I the Axes all those men

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would have been on a Cedar party
up the River & would of course found it
difficult to go, The Governor Hunter will
be loaded & dispatched today & the Nelson
will soon follow the Weather has been
so very bad that we could do nothing at
their vessels for some days. I shall
draw up the persons & reply to the guards
by your letter the Lady Nelson by the
return of that vessel – I have the
honor to be most humble.

John Purcell

To J. T. Campbell Esquire
Secretary
& & &
Sydney

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Sir

Inclosed you'll find rect. Of
Maize & Sally as well as Bill of Lading 26 tons of
Coals and said vessel. Not having rect. Any government
Letter by this vessel directing me how to load her I
Filled her with Coals of as good quality as has yet
Left this settlement. The Lade Nelson has been
Very unfortunate this trip as to constant winds
As she lies here loaded since the 12th altho the many
And Ann Coal schooner worked out this morning
Yet the Master of the Nelson tho he attempted to go out was obliged to bring up, We are
Going on well with lime & coals but until we
Get men & axes it is impossible to get any
More cedar. The noted Hogg, Porter, Hooley
Escaped from this on the 13th Inst I no doubt are

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Gone to Hawkesbury to the harvests.

I have the honor to be
Your most humble ser
J Purcell

To J. T. Campbell Esquire
Secretary
& & &
Sydney

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Sir Newcastle 15th December – 1810

I had the honor to receive your letter by
The present conveyance of the 29th as also two more letters
Dates the 4th Inst – Sally Hunter signed in your absence
That of Mr Ovens by Mr Lagan & note their contents.

The Lade Nelson is now dispatched with an
Entire cargo of lime as the bill of lading & I shall be
Ready with a full cargo of that article for her let ?
Here be even so quick as she leaves 200 Bushells ?
& a kiln of at least 1000 Bushells is on their way.

I have a very formidable party up the river abt. 100 miles procuring cedar & another strong
Party procuring 7 cutting into the scantling and are
more round. The first raft from those parties I expect
down tomorrow as agreed between me & my overseer & the cedar
owed she be sent by either the Sally or Hunter both
of which vessels be dispatched by Tuesday next. The ?
for Govt. coal shall also be sent by the Sally, from the
circumstance of the sawyer being employed up the river abt. Rose wood
I have not any cut stuff by me but as soon as that job is
Completed Ill be able to cut any reasonable quantity ordered
Considering my mens, Every branch of the public works
Here. Vivt. Cedar procuring, Rose wood Do, Lime & coals
Are at this time getting forward to so great an extent

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As that no reasonable number of vessels coming here can
much inconvenience us but I must confess tho men at the
time work very hard but with willingness I do the principal
of the work by task which I could not before do until I attended
that knowledge of what a gang of men ought to do it
prevents that passing between the men /7 overseer's that was
always unpleasant here, The two men viv. Usher & Dav?
That returned from Sydney to have effectually put

A stop to the running distemper,

I inclose Rect. For Axes, demand
For stones I have the honor to be
Your most humble ser

J Purcell

P.S Sir months since I reported to His Excellency
That I promised a man of the name of Coyne
That he should return to Sydney to state the peculiarity
Of his case & as it seems to me for ever thing
That I hear that he has every reason to expect that
His Excellency take into consideration. I must humbly
By ? for him to g to Sydney, His conduct I find every
Reason to be pleased with –

To J. T. Campbell Esquire
Secretary
& & &
Sydney

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Sir Newcastle 19th Dec 1810

Inclosed your find Bill
Of Lading of Coals & Cedar for Mary
& Ann Col. Schooner, on Acct. of the
Owner. I beg that I may be sent a
Few pairs of shoes for the lime burners
Really their work being a great deal
In the water is very hard on their feet with
Out of it they are working with bare feet
On oyster shells that quantity of lime
Burnt by them is far greater than ever
Has been done in the Colony before –

I have the honor to be
Your most humble servant
J Purcell

To J. T. Campbell Esquire
Secretary
& & &
Sydney

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Head at Newcastle
In Hunter River, Friday 3rd Jan 1811

Government and gen. Orders

? Skottowe – C. Sign Newcastle

His Excellence the Governor in Chief
Being arrived at this settlement for the purpose
Of inspecting it directly that been ? those
Will with as little delay as possible, furnish him with the following Returns viz.
1st A Return for public buildings and their descriptions
2nd A Return of all the Crafts & Boats of
Every description belonging to the Crown.
3rd A Return of the Ordnance, Artillery and Military losses –
4th A Return of the number of persons soon
? at the expense of the Crown at the Newcastle.
7th A Nominal Return of the Male and
Female convicts now at the settlement

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Specifying how long at Newcastle and then who
Employed at present –
8th A estimate of the amount of Coals,
And cedars, now ready at the settlement to be
Shipped for Head Quarters.

His Excellency the Governor & ? of
the Forces will inspect that Detachment of the
73rd Foot at ? tomorrow morning or
Their ? place of parade – At 10 O'clock
He will inspect the role of the male and
Female convicts at Newcastle, who
Are accordingly to be paraded for that purpose
By their respective overseer, and the Governor
Hope to see the whole of them clean & properly
Dressed on this occasion. –
The governor will ? ? ?
Inspect the Barracks of Provisions Stores and
And the Quarters and ? of the convicts.
His Excellency ? that tomorrow
Shall be ? ? ? ?
That the Convicts shall be accepted from ?
? ? ? ? ?

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His Excellence is further pleased
to direct that an extra Ration
of the Pound and half of fresh
beef shall be served on tomorrow
Its each ? Officer and male
Convicts in the settlement if
Newcastle, with the usual proportion
to all the women and Children.
His excellence the Governor
Will proceed at One O Clock
This day to inspect the coal
Mines and Lime Kilns at and
In the vicinity of the settlement –

L.M.