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No 48

Newcastle, 1<sup>st</sup> January. 1812

Sir

Inclosed you have for the  
information of His Honor the Lieutenant  
Governor the following Inclosed  
Orig.                   Quarterly return for ordnance ?  
                          monthly return of Public ?  
                          ditto ditto of Government Stock  
                          ditto ditto statement of the settlement  
                          also a small demand for stores  
and Bill of Lading for the Cargo  
of the Hunter consisting of Lime  
and Rosewood on account of Government  
the amount £ 73. 9 pence –

At the back of the M<sup>r</sup>. (March?) statement  
you will see the names of six  
Runaways, from the Limeburners

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however from the Route they are  
supposed to have taken they will  
I imagine be disappointed and I daily  
look for their recapture –

I also inclose (omitted mention  
on the other side) the names of  
several prisoners whose sentences  
? or are on the point of expiring  
? if correct wish to know if they are  
to return to Sydney – we shall  
be much in want of a Wheelright  
in place of P. Jones and a Carpenter  
in place of Mahoney, who is a ?  
and with whom we have witherto made  
a shift – a Blacksmith would be  
of great service –

I have been anxiously looking  
for the Estramina, having had  
strong southerly winds since the  
21<sup>st</sup> ? Mr. Greenwood proceeds by this opportunity –

I remain

Sir

Your Obedient Servant

Thomas Skottowe

Mr. Secretary Campbell

?

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H. M. S.  
From Lieutenant Skottowe ? 4<sup>th</sup> January 1812  
John Thomas Campbell Esquire  
Secretary ? ?  
? Hunter Sydney  
1<sup>st</sup> January 1812

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Newcastle 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1812

Sir

Inclosed you have for the information of His Excellency the governor Bill of Lading for the Cargo of the Governor Hunter consisting of Eleven hundred Bushels of Lime – I have dispatched her with this Cargo for the following ? first from the incessant rains we have had and from the likelihood of their continuous the Lime would have been destroyed and secondly she can make this trip and be back by the time her turn would come for loading with coals – The weather has been so very bad that it has kept us almost at a stand for some weeks back however I hope

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we shall get a little fair for some time to come – I annex a list of the totes of Pilotage for this Port for His Excellency approval and instruction – if he makes any alteration or approves, I think it will be necessary to have them inserted in an order and printed -

I remain  
Sir  
Your Obedient Servant  
Thomas Skottowe

Rates of Pilotage at Newcastle from the 20<sup>th</sup> June 1812 –

Vessel under 50 tons ----- £ \_10.\_  
“ above 50 tons & under 100 tons – 1.0. 0  
“ “ 100 tons & under 150 tons – 1.10.0  
150 toms & upwards £ 1.0.0 for  
every 50 tons -----

Sydney, January 16<sup>th</sup> 1812

Sir

I duly received your letter informing me of the safe return of His Excellency the Governor, & now ? you for his information. Bill of lading for the Cargo of the Estramina consisting of Coals & Cedar amount £50.9.0 – a demand for stores & receipt for provisions etc. ? Governor Hunter. no account of which was either received by the storekeeper or self. In the Bill of lading is amounts of four Cedar Logs shipped on account of Mayor Geils & Ellis Bent Esquire also of a piece Log on account of Government

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sent as a sample of that wood –

I shall in future note the arrivals of the different vessels in Government Employ, in my letters to you as the time they loiter at Port Jackson Heads etc. may cause the Governor to imagine is lost at this place – the Estramina did not arrive here until the 10<sup>th</sup> Inst. (Instant) having cleared out on the 28<sup>th</sup> December ?

I remain  
Sir  
Yours obediently  
Thomas Skottowe

Mr. Secretary Campbell

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Sir,

Annexed is Account of the noted Runaway John Fitzgerald that has again Run from this Settlement, out of the Hospital on the 12<sup>th</sup> Instant

I am  
Sir  
Your most obedient

? ?  
Thomas Skottowe

To  
John Thomas Campbell Esquire  
? ?  
Secretary  
Sydney

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Name	Free Or Convict	By whom Sentenced	Ship Came by	Sentence	when sent
John Fitzgerald	Convict	Crim. (Criminal) Court	1 <sup>st</sup> Ann	2 Years	23 August

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H.M.S.

From Lieutenant Skottowe ? 27 January 1812

John Thomas Campbell Esquire  
Secretary  
Sydney

To Hunter  
? }  
23<sup>rd</sup> January 1812

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Sir

Inclosed for the information of His Excellency the Governor is Bill of Lading for the Cargo of the Ostramina consisting of Coals & Cedar amount £ 4.9.6:9 –

I also transmit a receipt & a further demand for stores & provisions as also a bit of prisoners whose fines have expired; which if correct, wish to know, that they may be sent up – likewise a petition to His Excellency from the Constables of this settlement – Geo. (George) Graves a prisoner is sent up for a felony

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assault attended with circumstances  
of o detestable nature, on a child  
of six years of age –  
Owen Divine whose fine is  
expired goes by this vessel –

The Hunter will have a Cargo  
of Lime tomorrow & the Nelson  
will follow –

I remain

Sir

Your obedient Servant

Thomas Skottowe

Mr. Secretary Campbell

P.S. There is not a bit of Honeysuckle  
fit for Boats keels about the place; it  
has been completely cleared –

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H.M.S. Received 5<sup>th</sup> March 1812

John Thomas Campbell Esquire

Secretary & ?

Estramina

Sydney

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Newcastle January 29<sup>th</sup> 1812

Sir

Inclosed, for the information of  
His Excellency the Governor, is Bill of  
Lading for the Cargo of the Lady Nelson  
consisting of Coals & Cedar amount £

Hannah Porter whose fine is expired  
gives up this opportunity – as also  
Brady my Clerk for His Pardon –

Mrs. Nelson arrived  
on the 25<sup>th</sup> Inst

I remain

Sir

Yours obediently

Mr. Secretary Campbell

Thomas Skottowe

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Newcastle 29<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1812 –

Sir

Inclosed for the information  
of His Excellency the Governor is  
Bill of Lading for the Cargo of the  
Hunter consisting of Lime amount £ ?

According to His Excellency's order  
I send the men Lindsay & Taylor  
as also the Bricklayer Lawless by  
the Lady Nelson –

P.S. The Marry Anne  
has just cleared out with  
a Cargo of Coals a/c of owner -  
Bill of Lading inclosed -

I remain  
Sir  
Your obedient Servant

Mr. Secretary Campbell

Thomas Skottowe

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H.M.S.

From Lieutenant Skottowe Received 17 March 1812

John Thomas Campbell Esquire

Secretary

? Hunter Sydney

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14 May 1812

Letter from G Blaxcell regarding the coal market and the use of  
Government hands to load ships at Newcastle

(Bundle 6 No. 22)

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Sir

Newcastle 29<sup>th</sup> May 1812 –

Inclosed you have for the information  
of His Excellency the Governor, Bill of Lading  
for the Cargo of the Estramina, Receipt for  
Provisions etc. & a list of Prisoners whose  
times have expired & who wish to be  
allowed to return to Sydney –

Thomas Crump, Harry Williams, William Mahon, & Laurence Townsend proceed  
? above vessel, by the Governors permission.

I remain  
Sir  
Your obedient Servant  
Thomas Skottowe  
Mr. Secretary Campbell

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6 Jun 1812

General Order concerning the collecting of "metage" and port dues for vessels trading between Sydney and Newcastle  
(Bundle 6 No. 25)

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27 Jun 1812

General Order respecting the scale of pilot charges for Newcastle  
(Bundle 6 no. 26)

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25 Jul 1812

Letter from the Commandant at Newcastle concerning the loss of the vessels "Boyd" and "Sally"  
(Bundle 6 No. 33)

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Newcastle, 13<sup>th</sup> August 1812 –

Sir

Inclosed for the information of His Excellency the Governor is Bill of Lading for the Cargo of the Extramina viz forty tons of Coals – also Receipt for the Cargo of the Margaret Brig bound to Bengall & an order on the owner Mr. Lang for the amount of ? £ 27.0.0

You will also receive the various Returns for the preceding Month & a list of Runaways from this place. Likewise a Receipt for the stores received & Estramina – Bonham proceeds

to Sydney, his behaviour having been  
good whilst here – A woman Sarah Acton

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also goes up, having the Governor's  
permission –

Three Casks of Grain are returned  
& Estramina being totally unfit for  
use –

I have  
the honor to be  
Sir  
Your Most obedient Servant  
Thomas Skottowe

Mr. Secretary Campbell

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Newcastle 15<sup>th</sup> September 1812

Sir

Inclosed you have for the  
information of His Excellency the  
Governor Bill of Lading for the  
Cargo of the Estramina, viz. Coals  
& Cedar o/a. (on account) of Government –  
also the various returns for the  
preceeding Month, an account of two  
runaways & a receipt for Stores –  
By this Conveyance proceed to  
Sydney – James Coogan by permission  
Cath. (Catherine) Fahey, free by servitude

I remain

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Sir  
Your most obedient Servant  
Thomas Skottowe

Mr. Secretary Campbell



Newcastle 18<sup>th</sup> September 1812

Sir

Inclosed you have for  
the information of His Excellency  
the Governor Bill of Lading for  
the Cargo of the Governor Hunter, consisting  
of Cedar o/a (on account) of Government –

Likewise herewith you will  
receive a demand for sundries  
principally for Rope for Rafting  
Cedar; or as a substitute for  
the Couplings some old leg Irons –  
Mary Gee, a female prisoner here  
requests permission to proceed to and

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return from Sydney in one of the  
Govmt. (Government vessels), if His Excellency will  
grant her that indulgence

I remain  
Sir  
Your most obedient Servant  
Thomas Skottowe

Mr. Secretary Campbell

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Newcastle, 7<sup>th</sup> November 1812

Sir

I inclose you for the  
information of His Excellency the  
Governor Bill of lading for the Cargo  
of the Hunter, 1000 Bus. of Lime account of Government  
& Receipt for the Cargo of the Hawkesbury  
Packet, 16 tons of Coal on a/o (account of) the owner  
also the following papers Viz –

Statement Monthly of the Settlement  
Return of Public Labour  
“ of Public Stock  
Receipt for stores etc - &  
A further demand –

You will also please to inform his  
Excellency that the only pair of sawyers

I have at this place are very poor ?  
if he could therefore send two pair it  
would be all the better; but to (prove?)

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the length of plank required, I must  
(send?) above the falls of the River & have  
the timber sawed up there to be enable  
to get it over there – the sooner the  
sawyers therefore arrive, will enable  
us to get on –

The Estramina will be ready for  
sea about Tuesday Morning –

I remain

Sir

Your most obedient Servant  
Thomas Skottowe

Mr. Secretary Campbell

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Newcastle 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1812 –

Sir

Inclosed you have for the  
information of His Excellency the  
Governor Bill of Lading for the  
Cargo of the Estramina; viz. Coals &  
Cedar on account of Government –  
I have to acknowledge the Receipt  
& above vessel of four men and  
two women Prisoners - & you  
will receive from Captain Watson  
three women & two men whose  
fines are expired etc – a list of  
their names etc. is annexed –

I remain

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Sir

Your obedient Servant  
Thomas Skottowe

Ann Shortern –	Pris.	by Permission
Mary Badman	free.	fine expired
Susan Shadwick.	Ditto	Ditto
John Kelly -	Pris.	By Permission
Will. Gorman.	Ditto	Ditto Ditto

The latter is in a decline & otherwise very  
infirm I therefore have taken the liberty  
of sending him up & have given him a

recommendation to His Excellency –

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Newcastle, 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1812 –

Sir

Inclosed you have for the information of His Excellency the Governor Bill of Lading for the Cargo of the Estramina & Receipt for the Cargo of the Hawkesbury Packets also in account of Prisoners received ? Estramina & two receipts for stores slop clothing & Provisions received ? above two vessels – Mark Dowling whose fine has expired returns to Sydney by this opportunity –

I remain  
Sir  
Your most obedient Servant  
Thomas Skottowe

Mr. Secretary Campbell

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H.M.S.

From Lieutenant Skottowe Received 30<sup>th</sup> Nov 1812  
John Thomas Campbell Esquire  
Secretary  
? Estramina                      Sydney

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Newcastle 14<sup>th</sup> December 1812

Sir

Inclosed you have for the information of His Excellency the Governor the undermentioned Returns & Bill of Lading for the Estremina, Viz.

Monthly Statement of the Settlement  
“     Return of Public Labour  
“     “     of Public Stock  
“     “     of Punishments

A Receipt for Stores a further demand are account of a Prisoner arrived ? Estramina & a list of Runaways –  
By this opportunity proceed to Sydney Sarah May by order of His Excellency & Mary Gee on Pass -

I remain  
Sir  
Your most obedient Servant  
Thomas Skottowe

Newcastle 19<sup>th</sup> December 1812

Sir

I have the honor of enclosing for the information of His Excellency the Governor Bill of Lading for the Cargo of the Brig Endeavour, Walter Master; Coals & Cedar on account of Government consisting of fifty two Logs & Thirty eight Tons of coals –

I also inclose a list of Runaways & beg leave to offer a few Remarks on the subject – first with regard to the order I received thro' you, not to return to Sydney any Prisoners whose Fines to the place may have expired, but whose

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original sentence is still in force without express permission from the Governor – This in my opinion determine many to run who otherwise would not if they saw a definite termination to their sentence to this place & the being allowed to return to Sydney when such Colonial fine has expired – Another stimulus for their going at present, is an idea amongst the whole of them in this place, that if they can get to Sydney they will meet a Welcome Reception on board the sloop of War & no argument can convince them to the contrary – I expect the four marked in the Return thus & will give themselves up

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tomorrow or next day – This party having committed two Capital offences in taking the Boat & stealing the two Muskets I think if they were given over to the Lace it would deter others from the like attempt –

I am  
Sir  
Your obedient Servant  
Thomas Skottowe

I shall await His Excellencys opinion of the above –

Memo The Gov. (Government) directs that the Party of Convicts who run away with the Boat (arrived?) (stole?) the Muskets, shall be Punished on the (first?) where the crime was committed with one

hundred Lashes each, and be kept in irons for Seven days afterwards – fed only on Bread and Water. – Lieutenant Skottowe is to inform the Convicts at Newcastle, that in future they will be allowed to return to Sydney on the expiration of their respecting Sentences Those providing they behave to his satisfaction; of which he

must transmit or Certificate to Government accompanying the Report of the names of each Convicts whose Sentences at the Coal River have expired, previous to their being transferred to Sydney – to which he will then give his ? Lieutenant Skottowe must also inform the Convicts at the Coal River that none of them can proceed on board on ? ship and that no Captain dare take them on board -

26<sup>th</sup> December 1812