

Hunter River District News.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENTS.]

SINGLETON.

THE WEATHER.—I am very happy to inform you that we have had two days' rain. It rained all night constantly, and pretty heavy. The town is well flooded; plenty of mud, and scrapers are at a premium. Herr Flick's diatonic scale has met with approval, and settlers have every hope of increasing their store. "Rogues in grain" are busily speculating. Flour is up, although we can at present easily get a damper. Butter is much firmer than it was in the summer; and tallow is steaming to a high price.

Singleton, 19th June, 1854.

NEWCASTLE.

THE LAST OF THE NEWCASTLE TRIBE.—"Brown," the aboriginal who accompanied the lamented Leichardt in his overland expedition to Port Essington, and who subsequently formed one of Heley's party despatched by Government to endeavour to ascertain the fate of Leichardt in his attempt to reach Swan River, died at Newcastle on Saturday, 17th inst. About eight weeks ago he deceased, being very much intoxicated, got burnt in the most frightful manner in the Black's camp on the beach. From that time till his death his sufferings were most intense. The deceased was a general favourite with the public at Newcastle, especially with those who, like myself, knew him from boyhood 20 years ago. No fishing, boating, shooting or oystering party was complete unless poor Brown formed one. Brown was also in some respects a public character. It will then, I am sure, be satisfactory to the public to know that during his illness he was attended by Mr. and Mrs. Rinker with as much tenderness as if he was their own son. It was at one time thought that good nursing would bring him through, but he fretted and pined very much for the company of some of his sable brethren. He was however the "last of his race" at Newcastle, and unfortunately during his illness no blackfellows visited the city. Next to the approval of our own conscience, the good opinion of our neighbours and fellow-citizens is generally the most valued by all right minded men. It will therefore no doubt be a pleasing satisfaction to Mr. and Mrs. Rinker to know that their charitable and humane attention to this poor aboriginal, is duly appreciated by the public at Newcastle.

Newcastle, 19th June, 1854.