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 Orders and regulations re ships
 going to Newcastle for coal; duties
 to be levied; signals

Newcastle orders – respecting Vessels going there
For Coals, Duties on do.(?) Signals &c &c
 July 3rd 1801

The Governor, judging it necessary for the Public Interest to declare the Coals and Timber which are to be procured at Hunter River to be the exclusive property of the Crown, and having thought fit to establish a Post at Fresh Water Bay within that River, he strictly forbids any Boat or vessel going there for Coals, Timber or any other Purpose without first obtaining a specific License from the Governor's Secretary --- stating the purpose of such voyage (which License he is to produce to the person in Command there) and to enter into Recognizances, themselves in £50 and two sureties in £25 each for the one performance of the following Regulations [] /

To use one Kind of Baskets, weighing one hundred --- weight to measure the Coals in and out of the Vessel. To take a regular Clearance from the Naval Officer. To enter the Vessel with the Person in Command at the River, and to give him a daily account of the Coals taken on Board. To receive a Certificate from the Person in Command previous to leaving the River, not to behave Riotously or become troublesome to the Guard or People stationed there. On arriving in this Port to declare / on oath if necessary the quantity of Coals, Timber or other Articles they have on Board / and previous to hoisting the Admission Flag, security is to be given for the payment of the King's Dues and Fees as hereafter stated _____

Dues and Fees

Licence from the Governors Secretary to go for coals	„	5	„
Harbour Dues for Orphan Fund as Established Oct. 15 th 1800-----	„	„	„
Entrance in the River to the Persons in Command there	„	2	6
Fee for Clearance Certificate	„	2	6

Kings Dues

For each Ton of Coals for home----- Consumption to be Paid the Naval Officer „ „ „	„	2	6
For each Ton exported from the River or from hence	„	2	6
For every thousand feet square of Timber for home Consumption	1	„	„
For every thousand feet square of Timber for Exportation	2	„	„
Metage per ton on Coals	„	1	„
Measure of timber per Thousand	„	2	„

March 24th 1804

The General Order of the 3rd July 1801 respecting the regulations of Vessels going to the Coal Harbour and Hunter River is annulled; instead of which the following Regulations are to be observed on that behalf /viz/ ----

1. The Coals and Timber of all descriptions are to be considered the entire and exclusive property of the Person – wherever found or growing_____
2. No Private Boat or Vessel is to go to the Coal Harbour or Hunter 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 Securities £25 each for the due Performance of the following Regulations_____
3. To take a Regular Clearance from the Naval Officer
4. Those who have permission to get Cedar or Coals are to procure those Articles in the Place that may be pointed out by the Commandant and by no means to Interfere with the People at Public Labour_____
5. Not to behave troublesome or riotously to any Person whatever belonging to the Settlements or to disregard any Public Order issued by the Governor in Chief or the Commandant on pain of the Penalty not only being levied but the Vessel Ordered to depart_____
6. On arriving at the Coal Harbour no person whatever is to leave until the Master has entered the Vessel and has the Commandants permission to Load._____
7. Not to use any Other than one Kind of Basket that will hold about 100 weight of Coals to Measure them in and out of the Vessel by._____
8. 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 his Certificate and his Letters for the Governor_____
9. No vessel is to leave the Harbour between Dusk in the Evening and Daylight.
10. No Boats are to Land about the Settlement in any other Place than that pointed out by the Commandant_____
11. Any Master of a Vessel employing the Convicts without the Commandants permission will subject the Owner to pay the Penalty for each Offence_____
12. No Spirits whatever is to be given the Convicts nor is any to be landed but by the Commandants permit_____
13. The owners of all Vessels frequenting Hunters River are previous to their Clearance being given to enter into a further Recognizance themselves in £100 & two securities 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 thither, without the Governor in Chief's, or the Commandant's written Permission for that Purpose, and it is to be already understood that no excuse of People Swimming on board, or being secreted 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 Settlement he took him or her from_____
14. On arriving in this Port the Master is to enter, (and that on Oath if Necessary), the Quantity of Coals, Timber, or the Articles they have on Board, and previous to their hoisting the Admission Flag Security is to be given for paying the King's Dues & Fees as follows

/viz/

Fees

	£	s	d
License from the Governors Secretary for the Clerk	”	2	”
Clearance Naval officers Clerk	”	1	”
Harbour Dues at Sydney as Established Oct 15 th 1800	”	”	”
Entrance in the River and Clearance from there-----	”	2	”
Entrance at Sydney Naval Officers Clerk-----	”	1	”

Kings Dues for Orphans

For each Ton of Coals for home----- Consumption to be paid the Naval Officer-----	”	2	6
For each Ton exported from the Pier(?) or from hence-----	”	2	6
For every Thousand feet square of Timber for home consumption	3	”	”
For every Thousand feet square of Timber for exportation	4	”	”
Metage per Ton on Coals to Wharfinger(?)	”	2	”
Measure of Timber per 100 to D(?)	”	2	”

It being necessary to prevent an unauthorised communication by Vessels or Persons between this Place and the Settlements Established at Van Diemens Land, the Owners of all Vessels frequenting Bass Strait or Cleared from Van Diemens Land, are previous to their Clearance being given to enter into a Recognizance themselves in £100 and two securities in £50 each to be secured by the Naval Officer at this Port or such Officer as the Lieutenant Governor of the settlement of Van Diemens Land may appoint to sue for the same, in case any Person whatsoever 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 due Magistrates _____

It will be clearly understood that nor excuse of People Swimming on Board or being Secreted 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 settlement he took him or her from. _____

May 2nd 1804

The Governor being informed that the Coal Mines at Newcastle have been dug by Individuals in the most shameful manner without having props, which has occasioned much Labour to remedy the Mischief caused by those neglects, and from the necessity of bringing 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 Governors permission) with Cedar at Three 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 Rate of Three Shillings and sixpence for each mans Portion(?) and labour []. Payment for the Coals or Cedar thus furnished or hire of Labour, is to be made in Wheat or Livestock paid into His Majesty's Stores at this Place.

The Above Regulations are exclusive of the Fees and Duties pointed out by the general Orders of the 24th of last March _____

General Orders

Weekly private Signals being directed to be shown from the Flag Staff at King's Town Newcastle District on the arrival of all Vessels at that Port the Masters will be careful not to anchor until they have Observed the Signal Indicated for which purpose they will Receive a sealed Paper containing the Signals for a Fortnight after their departure from hence, at the time they Receive their certificate which sealed paper is not to be opened until they are within the Coal Island

September 20th 1810

I having been ascertained that a very fine kind of Fustick has been found at Hunters River, no Trees of that kind, are to be cut down but by a written Permission of the Governor _____

Secretarys Office Sydney
Saturday June 6th 1812

It having been represented to His Excellency the Governor that great Trouble and Inconvenience are experienced in the Collecting at Sydney of the Metage Port Dues to and from the Colonial Vessels trading to Newcastle Their pleased hereby to order and direct that from and after the 15th day of this Inst./June/ all such metage Port dues &c. shall be paid into the hands of the Commandant at Newcastle or to such Person as he may [] [] to appoint for that purpose instead of being paid as heretofore at Sydney. _____

And it having been ascertained that Vessels trading to Newcastle experience considerable Risk and Difficulty in getting into that Harbour owing to the frequent shifting of the sands at that entrance thereof _____

It is hereby notified to the Public that the Commandant of that Port has been authorized and Directed to appoint a Person duly qualified to act as Pilot there in future to take in and carry out all Vessels Trading thither for which a Moderate Fee will be required to be paid to the said Pilot under the Approbation of the Commandant

By Command of His Excellency

J.T. Campbell Secretary

Head Quarters Sydney
27th June 1812

His Excellency the Governor is pleased to direct and Order that the following Rates of Pilotage shall be paid in future at the Settlement of Newcastle by the Masters of all Vessels / not belonging to Government / which shall frequent that Port and said Pilotage is to commence on the first day of July next ensuing_____

For all Vessels

	£	s	d
Under 50 Tons Register Measurement-----	„	10	„
If of 50 and under 100 Tons Burthen-----	1	„	„
If of 100 and under 150 Tons Burthen-----	1	10	„
If of 150 Tons Burthen or upwards To pay for each 50 Tons at the Rate of	1	„	„

By Command of His Excellency
J.T. Campbell Secretary

Government and General Orders

Government House Sydney
Saturday 19th November 1814

Civil Department

It being represented to the Governor that the Masters of Colonial Vessels trading from hence to Newcastle are in the habit of giving Passages, Passages to Newcastle on Board these Vessels without ascertaining whether such Persons have His Excellencys permission or are otherwise entitled to remove from hence to Newcastle, or reciprocally from Newcastle to this place, and as much fraud and Imposition may be thereby practised, all Persons Commanding or Navigating Vessels between this and Newcastle are hereby strictly enjoined not to receive on Board, or give a Passage to any Person or Persons whatever, without having first Obtained Permission from His Excellency the Governor by Application at the Secretarys Office at Sydney or from the Commandant at Newcastle, on pain of being presented for a Breach of the Port regulations and otherwise punished according to the Degree of the Offence_____

By Command of His Excellency the Gov.
J.T. Campbell Secretary

Government Public Notice
Secretarys Office Sydney
Saturday 3rd [] 1814

There being reason to believe that the Indulgence which has been occasionally granted to Masters and owners of Vessels to resort to and bring Timber from Shoal Haven is subject to Considerable Abuse, Notice is hereby given that no Permission to resort thither will be granted in future; and all persons are hereby Prohibited from cutting down or removing Timber from Shoal Haven after the present Date on Pain of Prosecution

By Command of His Excellency the Gov.
J.T. Campbell Secretary

Government House Sydney
9th December, 1815

It being ascertained that several persons (both Men and Women) have for some time past been in the Habit of passing between this and Newcastle, contrary to the Colonial and Port Regulations, not only on board the private Vessels resorting Hither for Coals, Lime or Timber, but even on board the Government Vessels under the usual pretence of visiting friends or connexions sent thither as a punishment, but in reality for the purpose of carrying on a clandestine Traffic with the Convicts; and this practice holding out facilities for the disposal of Stolen Goods, and the eluding of Punishment by rendering the detection more difficult; His Excellency the Governor, for the purpose of totally suppressing the same is pleased to order and direct as follows

1st _____ That from and after the present date no Master of a Government Vessel shall without Authority from His Excellency at Sydney or the Commandant at Newcastle, receive or give a passage to any Person whatever on board the Vessel under his command, on pain of being dismissed from said command and further prosecuted for a Breach of the Port Regulations _____

2nd _____ That the Masters of private vessels taking on board, or giving a passage to any Person or Persons to or from Newcastle, without a special permission either from the Governor, or the Commandant at Newcastle, shall be prosecuted for a Breach of the Port Regulations, and on conviction forfeit their Recognizance of One Hundred Pounds each and their Two sureties the sum of Twenty five Pounds each, entered into by them annually, for their due observance of the said Regulations

3rd _____ Any person who shall pass from hence to Newcastle without the proper Authority for so doing is whether with the knowledge of the Master of the Vessel, or by secreting themselves on board are to be immediately ordered by the Commandant into Irons on board and not permitted to Land there at all, but returned hither to be prosecuted as Vagrants _____

4th _____ Persons coming hither from Newcastle without authority of the Commandant, are to be apprehended and punished in like manner as in the preceding case

By Command of His Excellency
J.T. Campbell Secretary

Secretarys Office Sydney
27th September 1817

The following signal having been framed by Captain Wallis Commandant at Newcastle for the Information and Guidance of the Masters or Commanders of Ships or Vessels resorting to that Settlement, and they having been approved by His Excellency the Governor, are now published for general Information____

____ Signals from this Flag Staff at _____
Newcastle to the Vessels bound to that Port

No	Signals	Signification
1	Yellow and Blue Flag over a Ball _____	The Flood tide has made, you may <u>stand in for the Harbour</u> NB. Until this signal is made <u>Vessels will keep to windward</u>
2	Yellow & Blue Flag over a Red Flag.....	The Pilot has left the Wharf.....
3	_____	_____
4	Yellow & blue flag at masthead and a ball at the south yard arm	There is a heavy swell or fresh in the River, which rendered it dangerous <u>for to approach the Harbour</u>
5	Yellow & blue flag at Masthead & a red flag at the south yard arm.....	A heavy Sea or swell prevents the Pilot boarding you till you are under Nobby's Island
		Signed James Wallis, Commandant

Secretary's Office, 3rd Jan. 1818

It having been reported to His Excellency the Governor that the Colonial Vessels resorting from hence to Newcastle for Coals are subject to unnecessary Delays and Expences(sic) by reason of the length of Time the small Cranes of these Craft Take in putting the Cargo on board; and it appearing that other inconveniences attend the landing of the Crews of private Vessels at Newcastle which it is expedient to guard against; This hereby notified that from henceforth all Cargoes of Coals required for private Vessels at that Settlement will be put on board by the Government Men employed therein furnishing Coals; and in order to cover the expences of this additional Duty as well as to compensate in some Measure for the increased Labour of working the Mines the price or Charge for Coals will be Twelve shillings Per Ton, free on board; and no one will be allowed to employ any other Persons than those immediately in the Service of Government to put Coals on board Vessels at Newcastle

J.T. Campbell Secretary

