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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 these 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 Five 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.