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Copy of a letter from William Lawson  
giving a report for the settlement of  
Newcastle re stores cargoes, rations  
and prisoners

Newcastle, 30 January 1810

Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23<sup>rd</sup> with enclosed you will receive for the information of His Excellency Two Bills of Lading Shipped on board the Sloop Sally and Speedwell for Sydney. I am happy the Governor sent the prisoners back for the public business at this Settlement was at an end -

I have received from a board the Speedwell Wm Johnston Master 118 Bags of Wheat Contg 19373 lbs Deficient 2 Bags – 328 lbs for which I have enclosed a receipt for stores received form on board the Sally, James Brown Master, deficient one Gallon of Oil –

Agreeable to His Excellencys Command Law. Davoran returns to hear Quarters by the Speedwell Transported at Sydney 1806 for 14 years and sent to this Settlement by Governor Bligh – permitted to return to Sydney by Major Johnstone, sent back again by him for improper behaviour –

I beg you will acquaint the Govn the 10 logs of Rope(?) Wood shall be forwarded immediately – it is not to be got nearer than 60 miles from the Settlement it is very heavy Wood and must be fletched on the Spot, it shall be ready by the 8<sup>th</sup> of next Month.

I have 1200 Baskets of Lime ready for the use of the public Works at Sydney. The Whole of the Men go up the river this day to procure a Quantity of [ ]

Saml Hogg and Wm Johnstone, runaways from the Settlement not having arrived at Sydney I have dispatched two Soldiers – I hope they will intercept them. I hope His Excy will see the necessity of punishing and sending all runaways. It will save the officer in Command a Great deal of trouble –

I have enclosed for the Governors information a return of Sheep and Horn Cattle at this Settlement belonging to Government, also a return of Public Labour A monthly statement, and a Demand for Stores for the use of the Settlement. I shall be glad to have the Stores sent down by the first opportunity – the rope is much wanted for rafting Down Cedar to the Settlement.

Having received no orders respecting the Ration at this place, I have directed the Store Keeper to Issue the following ration. 1272<sup>”</sup> Wheat – having no sugar 7<sup>”</sup> Beef or 4<sup>”</sup> Pork – I have also attend The Hours of Labour agreeable to Government Bus at Sydney. From daylight ‘till 8 o’Clock – and from 9 o’Clock ‘till 3 in the afternoon. –

Thomas Crump Boat builder, and Thomas Brady overseer and clerk of the Settlement have both received their Emancipations from Lt Govn Paterson, and have

applied to me to allow them to return to Sydney. I have detained them until(sic) I have received the Governors Orders for their Liberation, they have been upwards of 5 years in this Settlement, and very useful men to Government, also John Jones's team of Transportation expired the 12<sup>th</sup> Inst. came in the Command of the second – Two at the Old Bailey –

To J.T. Campbell Esq.  
Secretary to  
His Excellency -

I have the honor to be Sir,  
Your most obed Hble Servt  
“Signed”  
W. Lawson

PS Agreeable to His Excys proclamation Given at Government House Sydney on the 20<sup>th</sup> Inst. requiring all persons who have received Grants of Land a Lease, since the arrest(?) of Government Bligh to be delivered up. I have enclosed two I have received, and by Major Johnstone Conditional, The second by Lt. Gov. Paterson, I have had also a Lease given me by Major Johnstone, I have not the Lease in my possession, but immediately on arrival at Sydney it shall be carefully delivered. I have further brought from Government since the arrest of Govn Bligh – 12 Head of Horn Cattle for which I have paid for, and have the Deputy Commissary receipt for the same -