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Coal being sent from Newcastle to India for sale

Sydney 14th May 1812

Sir,

I respectfully beg leave to inform your Excellency that I have engaged to supply the Ships Mary and Clarkson with five hundred Tons of Coals from Newcastle, which they intend to convey to the India Market, and being straitened for Time to deliver that quantity, it will require all my exertions to accomplish it, but being aware that your Excellency is ever willing to forward the industrious pursuits of the Colonists, I make bold to solicit your permission to employ a number of Government Hands now at Newcastle, to assist in loading the different Vessels that I shall immediately send to that place; and for which service I am willing to make suitable compensation.- I am more induced to make this application to your Excellency from the avowed disposition of the seamen at this place, to take every possible advantage of the exigency of their services, by demanding exorbitant wages whenever they imagine their Labour cannot be dispensed with, and as a facility in getting the Coals on board, will tend much to the completion of my engagement, I hope your Excellency will on considering these circumstances, be pleased to direct the Commandant at Newcastle to accede to my request.

I have the honor to be with great respect
Your Excellency's most obedient
Servant G. Blaxcell(?)

His Excellency Governor Macquarie
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