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1813, October 28
To D.D. Mathew re opening of coal
mine on Middle Harbour
Mentions mines at Newcastle

Secretary's Office Sydney
28th Oct. 1813

Sir

I have it in [] from His Excellency the Governor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 20th Inst.(?) on the subject of working a Coal Mine in Middle Harbour under certain instructions and advantage.

His Excellency will have no objection to grant you an exclusive right to open and work a Coal mine for five years from this day, said exclusive right being understood not to exceed the distance of twelve Miles from Sydney and the Coals to be wrought paying the same duty as those procured from the Mines at Newcastle which mines are not to be at all affected by the privilege which may be extended to you.

In the event of your acceding to these terms His Excellency will order a Patent to be prepared and will assign for your assistance in the necessary works, three Govt. Men off the stores.

You cannot at present be accommodated with another Govt. Man in the room of the one, whom you state to have run away from you.

I have the honor to be
Sir
Your Obt. Hble. Servant
"signed" In. Thos. Campbell
Secty.

D. D. Mathew Esq.
Sydney.