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1822, May-August  
Frederick Dixon, Clerk to Govt.  
Meter of Coals & Cedar,  
Superintendent of Govt. Cattle & Sheep  
at Newcastle. Re his salary or metage of coals.  
Also mentions need to open a new mine.

Newcastle 18<sup>th</sup> May 1822

Sir

Pardon this intrusion on your valuable time, but having held the following situations at this Settlement since Aug. last, I must with Credit to myself & satisfaction to Major Morisset Viz. Clerk to Govt., Meter of Coals & Cedar, Superintendent of Govt. Cattle & Sheep amounting to above 700, during which Period, the remuneration [ ] Serviced are One Govt. Man, save the Metage of Coals (which till now has been very inconsiderable,) and until Major General Macquarie's visit to this Settlement in Nov. last, was divided between the Naval Officer's Clerk in Sydney, and myself, but in consequence of my exertions in the Situations, I have the honor to hold & the kind interference of the Commandant, Major Gen. Macquarie was pleased to direct the whole to be received by me, at the same time stating his intentions to recommend me to the notice of Sir Thos. Brisbane, KCB & I humbly trust His Excellency will not be displeased at this my first request.

The Brig "Thalia" arrived at this Port on the 10<sup>th</sup> for a Cargo of Coals, I meted to the same 212 Tons the amount of which Metage, Major Morisset directed should be paid into his hands, in lieu of which he informed me I was to secure a salary of £60.0.0 Per Annum from the Police Fund, not having seen the same Officially advertised, I beg leave to submit the same to the humane consideration of His Excellency & thro' your kind recommendation & interference, I trust His Excellency Sir Thos. Brisbane KCB. Will allow me the Metage of the Brig "Thalia" for this voyage, as she arrived here on the 10<sup>th</sup> Ins. and your Letter; advising to that subject not having arrived until the Pres. Inst.; and you do not then even state the period of its commencement.

With feelings of the most profound respect

I have the honor to be

Sir

Your obedt. Humble Servt.

F. Dixon

To

Frederick Goulburn Esq.  
Colonial Secretary  
&c &c &c  
Sydney

Newcastle 5<sup>th</sup> June 1822

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 18<sup>th</sup> May 1822. I am directed by Major Morisset, who is too much indisposed write himself, to observe, that he knows nothing how 12/6 came to be [ ] under(?) for Coals, it was so charged before her arrival and has continued as a matter of course.

With respect to the King's dues, they have always been received by Captain Piper – Since Major Morisset's command no money has been collected for the above purpose at Newcastle. The Metage he has received since 11<sup>th</sup> May, which is now in his hands – and he wished to know to whom it is to be [ ]:-  
He thinks that instead of receiving it, it would be better to charge it in the Promissary Note with the Coals Payable to Capt. Piper; and to allow the Meter the sum mentioned in His Excellency's communication with You. viz. £60 per annum, as a Salary payable and of the Police Fund, dating it from the day of departure of the vessel pursuant to the new arrangement on day 30<sup>th</sup> March.

F. Goulburn Esq.  
Colonial Secy.

By the next vessel the Major will send you the amount of rations at this station – which he thinks overrated in your letter.

The Cow mentioned as being astray at Bathurst does not belong to the Herds of this place; but there are Ten Bullocks absent – The whole of those last landed were so wild that they went immediately off on their landing – They have been frequently seen, but we have been unable to get them in – One is in a Herd belonging to Mr Howe at Patrick's Plains which has been sent for; the others we have little hopes of again seeing here – The Major says that if two horns(?) were put down which is now become from the increase of the herds absolutely necessary, they might probably be rode down.

Major Morisset further wished one to state that we are at a great loss for Miners – and that he hopes one assumes may be taken to select some from the Sydney gangs to be sent down.

The strata of the present mine from taking a very sudden dip we fear will not last above three or four months for which reason it will be immediately necessary to open a new mine.

Commandant's Office  
Newcastle 2<sup>nd</sup> July 1822

Sir

His Majesty's Colonial Brig, Elizabeth Henrietta, John Shout , Master – arrived here on the 30<sup>th</sup> Inst. She has been supplied with a Cargo of Coals, Logs for the Public Service, as Per Bill of Lading included accompanying which I have the honor to have your Three Weekly Returns of Public Labor performance at this Settlement a List of Prisoners who state their Original Terms of Transportation to have expired, I shall feel obliged by your referring to your Books, and sending word, as early as convenient whether the same be correct, also a Return of Prisoners discharged per present conveyance.

I have the honor to inclose you a  
Registration

In

Frederick Goulburn Esq.  
Colonial Secretary,  
&c &c &c  
Sydney

for the stationary for the use of the Superintendent's Department

I request to know whether Frederick Dixon Meter of Coals & Cedar, is to draw his Salary from the Police Fund; I also wish to know if His Excellency the Governor approved of the manner of Payment for the Settlers, Government Servants, proposed by Messrs. Dixon, Webber & Brown.

The Sentences of Miche. Clancey, Ship Command(?) & Francis Collens (Ship Almorak(?)) have not arrived at this Settlement, I will thank you to forward the same as early as convenient.

I have the honor to be  
Sir

Your obedient Servant  
J.T. Morisset  
Commandant

P.S. The Statement of the Expences of procuring the various Timbers, at this Settlement; will be forwarded by the next Conveyances.

Commandants Office  
Newcastle 16<sup>th</sup> July 1822

Sir

His Majesty's Col. Brig Elizabeth Henrietta, John Shout, Master, arrived here on the 12<sup>th</sup> Inst. She has been supplied with a Cargo of Coals & Cedar Logs as per bill of Lading inclosed, accompanying which I have the honor to hand you Two Weekly Returns of Public Labor, performed at this Settlement, the usual Monthly Returns for June, - Returns of Prisoners, Received & Discharged, per present conveyance, - a Return of Prisoners who state their Original Terms of Transportation to have expired; for the trust(?) of the

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Sydney

same I will feel obliged by your referring to your Books & transmitting the same as early as convenient.

I have also enclosed you a Statement of the expences of procuring 100 Logs of Cedar. Pines, White Wood & Flooded Gum; with the number of Superficial Feet contained therein; the expence of each Wood, being the same, & a Receipt of Stores per present opportunity.

I have to state that George Little's conduct has been good & and being at present in the Bush, will be sent by next conveyance; George Stuart [ ] Larkins conducted himself very irregularly until May, 1821, but since that Period his conduct is much amended.

I beg leave to know whether His Excellency has acceded to the proposed mode of Payment of Messrs. Webber, Dunn and Brown of 25 £ per Annum for each Govt. Servant, and if acceded to; it is necessary to know the Market Price of Maize on the 30<sup>th</sup> June in order to collect the Payment from the Settlers established at Patterson's and Wallis Plains.

I also wish to know whether His Excellency will have the Mines opened in the middle of the Town or not; if at the other place proposed, it will take a great many more Bullocks, than we have at present, - I also request an answer respecting the Salary of Fredk. Dixon Meter of Coals & Cedar, alluded to in my letter of 2<sup>nd</sup> Inst.

I have the honor to acknowledge the Sentences of Prisoners at Port Macquarie, as required in your letter, I have herewith transmitted with the exception of James West, who was never at Newcastle.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your obedt. Servt.

J.T. Morisset

Commandant

[ ] [ ] 18<sup>th</sup> July

I am not aware of ever having received a letter dated the 6<sup>th(?)</sup> of July(?)  
Frederick Dixon is to receive his salary at the rate of £60 per Annum

from the 30<sup>th</sup> March

The appointment of a post consisting of three soldiers & a [ ]  
on the first Branch of Hunters River much approved

The payments of a fixed price instead of a fixed quantity of  
maize or wheat not admired although that quantity  
might be considerably lower if Major Morisset  
thinks [ ]

paid in proposal to that effect

The recommendation contained in the letter of Mr Close of the  
5 May transmitting Messrs. Webb Dunne and Brown  
proposition & pay for their Govt Servants at the  
end of twelve months is acceded to

The new mine had better be opened near the wharf

The rate of Metage(?) to be forwarded

In [ ] two allotments, [ ] [ ] to be taken that in granting this(?), they do  
not interfere with any new [ ] HG(?) may think fit to open hereafter at Newcastle

Messrs. Bingle(?) & Allan(?) have signed the requisite bond for obeying all  
colonial regulations

Commandant's Office  
Newcastle 13<sup>th</sup> Augst. 1822

Sir

His Majesty's Colonial Cutter Snapper – Smith Master arrived on the 9<sup>th</sup> Inst. – She has been supplied with a Cargo of Coals for the Public Service, as per Bill of Lading inclosed, accompanying which I hand you a Weekly Return of Public Labor performed at this Settlement & a letter from Capt. Allman, Commandant of Port Macquarie, stating that a Prisoner at that Settlement; who is at present under the name of Francis Clark; he had suspected(?) was one of the [ ] Sr. Conspirators, named Richard Bradburn, who ran from this Settlement in Dec. last. I have on

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Frederick Goulburn Esquire  
Colonial Secretary  
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Sydney

enquiry ascertained the same to be a fact & went to Capt. Allman on the subject; by the Life Boat which left this on the 25<sup>th</sup> Inst, should he have arrived in Sydney; he can of course be detained.

I have the honor to inform you that I have inclosed to the Chief Engineer an Order on M. Welsh for £26.10.0 for Metage of Coals, supplied Brig Shatia(?) on the 16<sup>th</sup> May last, £3.15.0 in cash for Metage of Coals; furnished the Schooner Sindbad on the 4<sup>th</sup> June last & Two Notes of G.C. Close Esq. For Bricks & Lime, supplied him by Govt. at the Settlement the duplicates of which, you will receive; - The whole of the Metage of Coals since March last, has now been forwarded . I wish therefore to know from whom Frederick Dixon , the Meter of Coals is to draw his Salary.

