

Newcastle, Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 1820

Two Prisoners of the name of  
John Kirby and James Thompson who  
Ran from this Settlement on last Thursday  
morning, but were taken by the Police  
(Blacks) who were bringing them in,  
when Kirby drew a knife and wounded  
Jack the Chief of the Newcastle Tribe  
in a most dangerous manner, and  
had it not so happened that he was  
at the time of seeing the Boat  
come to the Town and received immediate

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great assistance it would certainly  
be proved most, Herby is a most  
sports Pellain, Thompson had formerly  
made his escape from the colony and  
went to India for which he was sent to  
Newcastle some short time ago - I  
have made the particular report  
in case this Quelling should think  
it necessary to have them tried by  
a criminal court, but as the crime was  
committed only in the presence of John  
Newton I fear it would be extremely  
difficult to procure such evidence as  
would convict them, - I therefore beg  
you will inform me if it is the  
opinion that they should be

furnished here - Kirby over some  
ago and was taken and furnished,  
he will deserve to be made a severe  
example of -

I have the honor to be  
Yr

Your Obedt<sup>l</sup> Servant

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