

Newcastle, July 28<sup>th</sup> 1822

Sir,

I have the honor to enclose  
the Memorial of Mr. Store a Fellow  
at the Green Hills on the left  
Bank of Hunter's River.

I can certify that Mr. Store  
had permission from the late  
Governor, Major General Macquarie  
to clear a farm of 1200 acres,  
and that Mr. Store took possession  
of his present land and  
commenced Building his  
House at a very heavy expense  
with the idea that the Lagoon  
would be the Back Boundary

J. Gouldburn Esq }  
Colonial Secretary }

and the remainder of the Great  
 would extend along the River, in  
 that case it would be a very  
 valuable Great, but if he is  
 obliged to take the Back Square,  
 (see the accompanying Map) I  
 do not think he will have  
 more than 500 Acres that will  
 ever be of use, and he has  
 been at too great an expense  
 to admit of his removing to  
 another situation, under these  
 circumstances I am induced  
 to recommend to the favorable  
 consideration of His Excellency  
 Sir Thomas Brisbane the  
 Memorial of Mr. Love. —

The First Branch of  
 Hunter's River is extremely  
 well adapted for Settling and

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many have been inclined to go there but have been deterred by its unprotected state, I therefore think it necessary, and recommend that a Post be established there the same as at Pattersons and Wallis Plains (with ~~Soldiers~~ Soldiers and a Fortable) with the requisite Cottages, this would protect those Persons who may choose to live there against the Black Natives who are very Savage at present but who would soon become friendly, as also against the Bush Rangers from Port Macquarie and would at the same time greatly facilitate their apprehensions and prevent their spreading themselves over other Parts of the Colony.

It has now become absolutely necessary that the Land should

be measured to the People who  
 have been long settled on the Banks  
 of this River in order that they  
 may erect Fences, their Cattle are  
 increasing fast and as they  
 have no Boundaries of course  
 they have no fences which is the  
 cause of continual Trespass, trouble  
 and litigation — Although they  
 may have Boundaries, it is not  
 at all necessary that they should  
 have Grants, on the contrary, I  
 should wish until His Excellency  
 should visit this Settlement and  
 ascertain by his own observation  
 how far they may merit such  
 indulgence, that they should  
 remain as they are, Tenants  
 at Will — Many have cleared  
 and cultivated more land than

they were at first promised, the Farms are very irregularly laid out at present and of course are getting more so every day as we know where he is to fix a fixed Boundary may at the present time easily, given to the satisfaction of every one but the difficulty must much increase by delay. —

The Surveyor Mr. Danger has hitherto declined measuring these Lands conceiving his Orders on that head not sufficiently explanatory, I therefore beg, that His Excellency approve it, that Mr. Danger may be instructed to lay down a Boundary to each Farm, of course subject to the approval of the Governor here. — I can inform him of the names of those each Person was in

to occupy by Major General Meyers

I wish to impress on you the necessity of informing me, if the proposal of Messrs. Brown, Miller and Deane of paying £25 per Acre for each Government Servant is approved by his Excellency, if so, what is to be considered the Market Price for Corn for the last quarter ending the 30 June, as those Gentlemen having one year's credit will not affect the Persons who were formerly settled, and who have their Grain ready to deliver, but should the delivery be deferred, I have no doubt but they will make away with it and Government will be the Loser, I also try to remark that the Stores here should be open for the reception of Maize and the Price fix'd at which it is to be received

as the Public are at present  
 being greatly by the Issue to  
 each Prisoner of 3 1/2 lbs of Flour  
 per Week, instead of the same weight  
 of Meaze for Breakfast. —

I have the honor to be

Yours Most Obedient Servant

J. G. Mordaunt  
 Comm<sup>dr</sup> of Newcastle