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The Story of Lachlan Macquarie's twelve-year rule in
New South Wales from 1810-1821

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CHAPTER 1 - BOTANY BAY

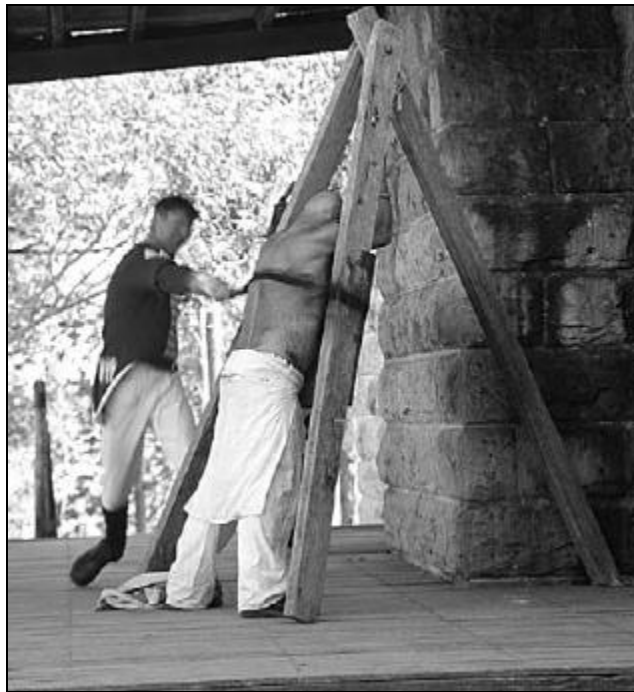
Inside the courthouse, the red-faced magistrate read out the charges. “John Kelly. For refusing to furnish information about a suspected convict uprising, I am sentencing you to two hundred strokes of the lash. By order of the Governor, God Save the King!”

“God Save the King!” responded the soldiers in the courtroom.

Kelly, an Irishman, had been transported for stealing two shirts. The lot of the Irish convicts was unenviable. They suffered more than the English prisoners due to the animosity against them. Toby Jackson the magistrate, was known for his strict adherence to the law and as a deliverer of harsh sentences. He did not like the Irish.

The soldiers led Kelly outside to the dreaded triangle. They stripped him to the waist and bound his wrists to the top of the wooden frame. The onlookers could see the man tense his muscles against the inevitable lash that would soon scourge his naked back.

The flogger grasped the handle of the lash, swung it high above his head and brought the twisted strands of knotted ropes down hard across Kelly's back. The first blow left red welts. Kelly remained silent.



The Triangle

“Put some back into your work man, or you'll be next!” Jackson yelled to the convict flogger. After twenty more lashes the man on the triangle began to tremble.

At fifty strokes his back erupted into a pattern of crimson lines. The onlookers moved back to avoid being spattered by the skin and blood that began to fly off Kelly's back as he howled in pain. The convict flogger hesitated but Jackson yelled at him to continue.

Some of the onlookers turned their heads away as they could no longer bear hearing the wails of the man being broken at the triangle.

At 100 strokes Kelly lost consciousness. The attending surgeon checked the convict's pulse and said, "no more for now." Jackson scowled and said, "give him the other hundred in six weeks." The soldiers untied the unconscious man and carried him to a cell where they left him, blood weeping from his torn back.

Life for convicts in the penal colony of New South Wales, also known as Botany Bay or Sydney Cove, was difficult even without the floggings. Food was scarce; hard manual labour and poor conditions often resulted in permanent disabilities and death.

This was a harsh new land not of their choosing. All of them had endured the eight-month long journey from England via Rio de Janeiro and the Cape of Good Hope to finally arrive at Sydney Cove, a settlement in an alien land at the end of the world. The long months at sea had killed off the weakest and left the remainder debilitated.

The hell ships of transportation. The dreadful floggings, cramped, unhygienic conditions, hunger and cruelty, all became part of the legend of Botany Bay. Convicted men in Britain begged to be hanged rather than be transported to the hell that was known as Botany Bay.

Farewell to old England the beautiful!
Farewell to my old pals as well!
Farewell to the famous old Bailey,
Where I used to cut such a swell.

These serving long years I've been serving
And serving I've got for to stay,
All for bashin' a bloke down our alley,
And taking his huxters away.

Now, all you young wi-counts and duchesses,
Take warning by wot I've to say,
And mind all your own wot you touches is,
Or you'll join us in Botinny Bay!

- A convict lament

The Entrance

High above the exposed headland the wind blew wispy clouds across the sky. The headland was one of two sandstone peninsulas that guarded the entrance to a magnificent waterway. Gulls circled, buffeted by gusts of wind.

On the headland, an Aboriginal clan was about its business, clearing a sleeping area and bringing food to cook on the fire. Indigenous tribal peoples lived on much of this ancient continent. They knew the land was alive, and by maintaining a close relationship with it, were supported by it. Each tribe was made up of a number of clans and each clan had its own territory. The North Head clan had walked across and explored every cave, water hole, sand dune and forest thicket within their area. A gallery of rock art and paintings positioned beneath a sandstone overhang, would show future generations of visitors that the Aboriginal lifestyle was the oldest most continuous culture in the world.

During all their activities - births, anniversaries, weddings and burials, each member of the clan was assigned a task. Women collected shellfish, plants and grubs. Men hunted game and made tools. Children accompanied the women or helped the Elders who were needed to perform ceremonies and teach the younger generation the ancestral stories.

The Aborigines were involved in maintaining their land, minimising fire hazards, and ensuring that areas were kept clean to promote new growth. Nature kept them busy.

One day, from the headland, they saw large canoes with white wings enter through the heads and float up the waterway. Whether the clan knew it or not, the strange vessels had brought a new culture which would forever alter their ancient way of life.

Sydney

Ah! Modern Sydney. A tourist's paradise. The perennial playground of soft white beaches, clear blue waters and sunny skies on the edge of the Pacific Rim attracts growing numbers of tourists, immigrants and multinational companies and has been voted one of the best cities in the world to live in.

In its wider sprawl, Sydney lies between the Tasman Sea and the Blue Mountains and is bordered by the Hawkesbury River in the north and the Nepean River in the south. Four million souls live, work and play here, clustered around towns, suburbs and smaller, lesser known villages.

Amongst this diverse range of settlements is a group of towns known as *The Macquarie Towns*, and it was hearing this phrase that first prompted me to look at the creative and demanding twelve-year reign of their founder, Lachlan Macquarie – the fifth Viceroy of New South Wales.

Although much has been written about Macquarie and his colonial contemporaries, I wanted to better understand their part in Australian history and to explore those places that Macquarie had established or been associated with.

The biographies of Macquarie by M.H Ellis and John Ritchie, gave me a good background to his character and achievements whilst Macquarie's travel journals of New South Wales provided me with an idea for a personal journey. I felt that Macquarie had extended me a vice-regal invitation to join him on his travels.

He was an indefatigable traveller with an appreciation for the land and its inhabitants, both Native and European. My plan was to retrace some of his journeys across greater Sydney to see how much of his influence was still discernible today after his reign ended in 1821.

In comparison to Europe, Australia's span of history is small, yet since 1788 so much has happened. Our past is full of fascinating stories of the men and women who forged and shaped this nation.

So, one fine morning, I set out on a marvellous journey to explore the imprint Lachlan Macquarie had left upon our landscape. And I invite you, dear reader, to join me in this colonial adventure. Together we will explore Sydney's unique heritage and meet some of the people associated with its development.

As our contemporary journey proceeds, some historical background will be presented to give you an understanding of the reasons behind the colonial events and the agendas of the persons involved. Where possible the historical information will be prefaced by an apostrophe and the appropriate year in bold type.

This guide includes a number of localised maps that show the walking trails we will follow. A Sydney street directory will serve as a suitable map of most of the towns and areas we will explore. More detailed maps are available from the Tourist Offices and Centres mentioned in the appropriate chapters. Locations and opening times of various places of interest along with contact details of organizations are included in the Visitor Information section.

REFERENCE SECTION

Cast of Characters

Macquarie's Household

Lt.-Col. Lachlan Macquarie	Governor of N.S.W. from	1810-1821.
Jane Jarvis	Macquarie's first wife.	
Elizabeth Henrietta Campbell	Macquarie's second wife.	
Lachlan junior	their son.	
George Jarvis	Macquarie's valet.	
John T. Campbell	Macquarie's secretary.	
Sgt. Charles Whalan	Macquarie's bodyguard.	
Capt. Henry Antill	Macquarie's aide-de-camp.	
Lt. John Watts	Macquarie's aide-de-camp (after Antill).	
Michael Massey Robinson	Macquarie's Poet Laureate.	
Mrs. Ovens	Cook.	
Mrs. Jones	Elizabeth's waiting woman.	
Robert Fopp	The butler.	
Joseph Bigg	The coachman.	

Governors of New South Wales

Capt. Arthur Phillip RN	First Governor	1788-1792
Maj. Francis Grose	Lieutenant Governor	1792-1794
Col. William Paterson	Administrator	1794-1795
Capt. John Hunter RN	Governor	1795-1800
Lt. Philip Gidley King RN	Governor	1800-1806
Capt. William Bligh RN	Governor	1806-1810
Col. Joseph Foveaux	Interregnum	1808-1810
Maj. Gnl. Lachlan Macquarie	Governor	1810-1821
Sir Thomas Brisbane	Macquarie's successor	1821-1825

British Government

King George III	King of Great Britain (1760 – 1820)
William Pitt	British Prime Minister (1783-1801, 1804-1806)
Viscount Sydney of St Leonards (Thomas Townsend)	Home and Colonial Secretary. He drew up the plans for the new colony.
Sir George Jackson	Admiralty secretary. Port Jackson named after him.
Lord Hawkesbury	President of the Council for Trade and Plantations.
William Wilberforce	Ardent proponent for abolition of slavery.
George Rose	Secretary of Treasury
Henry Dundas	Secretary of State, friend of Wilberforce
Evan Nepean	Undersecretary to Viscount Sydney, and Henry Dundas.
Lord Castlereagh (Robert Stewart)	Secretary of State for War and Colonies 1807-1809
Edward Cooke	Undersecretary to Castlereagh.
Lord Liverpool (Robert Banks Jenkinson)	succeeded Castlereagh from 1809-1812, then became British Prime Minister from 1812-1827
Lord Bathurst (Henry Bathurst)	Succeeded Liverpool from 1812-1827 He established a commission of enquiry into the affairs of the colony.

Visitor Information

The Rocks

Manly Ferry	Daily 7am – 11:30pm
Museum of Sydney	Daily 9.30am - 5pm
Cadman's Cottage	Daily 10am-4.30pm
Sydney Harbour B&B -	140 Cumberland St. The Rocks (02) 9247 1130
National Parks & wildlife Service	102 George St. 1300 361 967
Sydney Visitor's Centre	106 George St. (02) 9255 1788
Historic Houses Trust –	www.hht.net.au (02) 9692 8366
National Trust –	www.nsw.nationaltrust.org.au (02) 9258 0123

A First inspection of the interior of the Colony, the Dark Fringes, The Cow Pastures

St. Philip's Church

City of Liverpool and District Historical Society P.O Box 90 Liverpool NSW 2170

Liverpool Regional Museum Tues-Sat 10am-4pm Cnr Hume Hwy & Congressional Dr
Liverpool

Campbelltown Tourist Office Daily 9am-5pm Campbelltown art Gallery Rd. (02) 4645
8921

The Grove B&B - 176 Macquarie Grove Rd. Kirkham Camden 2570 (02) 4655 3171

Wivenhoe and Stables Mater Dei Estate Kirkham Lane Camden (02) 4655 6061

Wollondilly Tourist Office Daily 9am-5pm Cnr Argyle & Menangle Sts Picton (02)
4677 3962

Mount Annan Botanic Garden Daily 10am-4pm Mt Annan Dr Mt Annan (02) 4648
2477

Belgenny Farm Ring for times Elizabeth Macarthur Drive Camden (02) 4655 9651

Camden Park Estate - Ring for times Elizabeth Macarthur Drive Camden (02) 4655 8466

Gledswood House – Tues–Sun 9am-5pm 900 Camden Valley way Catherine Field (02)
9606 5111

Sydney Town – the Great Work Begins

Royal Botanic Gardens Daily sunrise to sunset

Art Gallery of N.S.W Daily 10am – 5pm

73rd Re-enactment Society www.members.tripod.com/~redcoats73/73rd-index.html

Pike and Musket Society www.routiers.org

Macquarie Street

Government House Fri-Sun 10am-3pm

Conservatorium of Music (02) 9351 1222

State Library of N.S.W Mon-Fri 9am-9pm, Sat,Sun 11am-5pm

The Mint Mon-Fri 9am-5pm

Hyde Park Barracks Daily 9.30am – 5pm

St. James Church Daily tours at 2:30pm

St. Mary's Cathedral Sunday tours at 12pm

Parramatta

River Cat Ferry Daily 9am-6pm W/E 8am-6pm

Experiment Farm Tues-Sun 11am-3.30pm 9 Ruse St Harris Park
(02) 9635 8149

Elizabeth Farm Daily 10am-4pm 70 Alice St Rosehill

Parramatta Tourist Office 346 Church St. (02) 9630 3703

St. John's Cathedral City Square (02) 9635 5904

Harborne guest house 21 Boundary St. Parramatta (02) 9687 8988

Old Government House Daily 10.30am-4pm Parramatta Park (02) 9635 8149

Macquarie Feasts (02) 9635 8149

Ghost Tours Monthly 1st & 3rd Fri 8pm-10.30pm (02) 9635 8149

Friends of Old Government House – www.friendsofogh.com (02) 9635 8149

Penrith Valley – Gateway to the Mountains

Mamre Project Lot 1 Mamre Rd. St. Mary's www.Mamreproject.org.au
Murru Mittigar 1951 Castlereagh Rd Cranebrook (02) 4729 2377

A Journey into the Blue Mountains

Springwood Historical Society www.bluemts.com.au/historicalsociety

The Road to Bathurst

Bathurst Tourist Office 28 William St. (02) 6332 1444
Bathurst Historical Museum Tu,We,Sa,Su 10am-4pm Courthouse Russell St
Miss Traill's House Sat&Sun 10am-3pm (02) 6332 4232
The Chifley House Sat-Mon 11am-3pm
Abercrombie House Tours Sundays 3pm October-July

Recommended Reading

Macquarie

Governor Lachlan Macquarie	George Finkle Thomas Nelson 1975
Lachlan Macquarie	M.H Ellis Angus & Roberston 1958
Lachlan Macquarie A biography	John Ritchie Melbourne University Press 1986
Lachlan Macquarie Journal of his tours in NSW	Trustees of the Public Library of NSW 1956
Lachlan Macquarie Room	www.lib.mq.edu.au/lmr/
Elizabeth Macquarie Her life and times	Lysbeth Cohen Wentworth Books 1979
The Age of Macquarie	Edited by James Broadbent & Joy Hughes Melbourne University Press 1992
The Macquarie Book	Edited by Ure Smith and Bertram Stevens Art in Australia 1921