

AND WARRANG SHALL BE KNOWN AS SYDNEY COVE

AND WOCCAMAGULLY SHALL BE KNOWN AS FARM COVE

I believe no age can boast a more rapid progress in knowledge and history of nature than the present. The states of Europe vie with each other in the pursuit of information, and the great academies have sent their disciples to all quarters of the globe to explore the animal and vegetable world, to gratify the thirst for knowledge and enrich their parent countries with objects and ornament and utility.

- 'R.H' to Sir Joseph Banks,
December, 1786

It is therefore our will and pleasure that you do immediately upon your landing... proceed to the cultivation of the land.

-King George III's instruction to Governor Phillip
25th April, 1787

The wild appearance of land entirely untouched by cultivation, the close and perplexed growing of trees, interrupted now and then by barren spots, bare rocks, or spaces overgrown with weeds, flowers, flowering shrubs, or underwood, scattered and mingled in the most promiscuous manner, are the first objects which present themselves.

-Governor Arthur Phillip
January, 1788

21st January, 1788

An office and party of men were sent from the Sirius to clear a way to a run of water on the southern side of the bay; the natives were well pleased with our people until they began clearing the ground at which they were displeased and wanted them to be gone.

-William Bradley RN
First Lieutenant, HMS Sirius

30th January, 1788 PM

As we left the beach to climb into the boats which lay close to, the women came, having a party of armed men with them who had each a green bough in his hand which they waved as they advanced. They came near us and sat down.

-William Bradley RN
First lieutenant, HMS Sirius

I was one day on shore in another part of the harbour, making friendship with a party of natives, when in a short time, their numbers increased to 80 or 90 men all armed with a lance and throwing stick, and many with the addition of a shield made of the bark, or the wood of a tree. They were much surprised when one of our gentlemen who, pulling a pistol out of his pocket that was loaded with ball, fired the ball through the thickest part of the shield, which they examined with astonishment and seemed to wonder, that an instrument so small should be capable of wounding so deep.

-Captain John Hunter RN
Commander, HMS Sirius
February, 1788

28th July, 1788 PM

A sailor straggling into the woods met several of the natives who threw stones at him and followed him when he attempted to run away. He with great presence of mind stopped and presented a stick at them in the manner of a musket, at which they stopped and by that means he got away clear of them.

-William Bradley RN
First Lieutenant, HMS Sirius

In all the British colonies, I believe botanic gardens have been considered as necessary appendages; at present, they form elegant and delightful promenades for the ladies and burgesses; they may have in view the transmission of fairer flowers of the mountain, to deck the greenhouses of the noble and illustrious, or the collection of the meaner productions of the wilderness, or to record the existence of those whose names would otherwise have been consigned to oblivion.

-John Henderson:
Observations of the Colonies of New South Wales, 1832