

accompanying a Donation of Ten Pounds to the Naval and Military Bible Society, from a few pious Soldiers, of the 73rd Regiment, shews how happy Soldiers can be when under the influence of ^{True} Religion.

Great attention is paid to the instruction of the rising generation in some of the Schools. The School houses are generally spacious and in appearance very respectable. It reflects great honor on Government that the Taxes which are raised in this Colony, are not for carrying on war; but are appropriated to the Building and supporting of Schools in which the Children of many who have suffered by the Laws of their Country are trained up to habits of Piety and Industry.

I have not seen any workmen at their ordinary work upon the Lords day. The Passage Boats from Sydney to Parramatta do not sail on this day, not even on Christmas day &c.

People in general trade here. The Temptations, to lucre are almost irresistible. One Hundred Pounds per Cent upon English prices is considered a fair profit but I have known people to gain three, four and five hundred and sometimes one ~~thousand~~ ^{thousand} Pounds per Cent upon articles of commerce. Books of every description bear a very high price. Hats are very dear, Spellings books will sell for 5^s and a decent Common Prayer book such as is sold for four or five Shillings in England is charged from sixteen Shillings to one Guinea. Prayer Books and Books of Psalms and Hymns are very much enquired after and wanted in every part of the Colony.