

back with him to Port Jackson for want
of Commerce. I knew they would be of
infinite importance to the Settlement
in agriculture, and in bringing in Timber
&c. for the buildings - I therefore informed
Capt. Skinner, that I would return them
in kind, or pay Government a fair price
for them when we arrived in N. S. Wales,
supposing that no Advantage would be
taken by the Government. The Mellocks
were accordingly left - when we returned,
Government wanted Mellocks of a much
superior value than those left at New
Ireland - I offered to return them in kind,
and equally as good as those left by Capt.
Skinner - but Major Drutt would not
allow me to purchase the Cattle from
any individual but ^{at} Mr. Thursty. I knew
if I was compelled to purchase them
from him, an unfair advantage
would be taken, and therefore refused to
do this - Major Drutt purchased them
himself from Mr. Thursty, and drew
upon me a bill for £200. pounds