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missing. We remonstrated with them for
their ungrateful conduct; and told
them that we had come there to do them good,
that we wanted nothing that they could give us,
as we had plenty in our own country - &
that, as we had no object but to serve them,
we could not allow them to rob us of our
property. I told them that King George,
and the gentlemen in England, would be
ashamed of them, when they heard of their
thefts; and that I could allow no thief to
go in the Active to Parramatta; & if
they went there and stole there, Governor Mac-
Quarie would hang them; and if any one of
them should come to Port Jackson in
any other ship, I should then catch them.
After a long debate, some recommended
the stolen property to be given up, and o-
thers alleging it was too valuable to be given
up, the honest party prevailed; & ran off,