

62 and said his Father would take nothing for the Pot.
Thus by firmness we gained our point. We are concerned
for Shoudee Ogunna and shall heal his grief and vexation
by some act of kindness the first opportunity.

Saturday 4th. Our punt not being complete, the master of
the General Gates brought up the remaining stores in a
large canoe belonging to Korro Korro. The baskets being chief-
ly filled with Tools of Agriculture such as Hoes, Axes &c
we could not land them without opening, and exposing
their contents to the natives. A miser never valued Gold
so much as they do edge tools. These are a temptation
they cannot withstand. We now expected to be robbed more
or less, as the natives could not be kept from the canoe,
and the baskets when opened. we were obliged to employ
some of them to carry the stores, to the public store.
When about half of them had been landed, a report was
spread that the natives had stolen some of the Axes
Bill Hooks &c. An immediate stop was put to the natives
carrying any of the articles from the canoe, and
several of them were charged with Theft. Which created
general tumult, and fermentation amongst them.
We could not ascertain what they had stolen, but knew that
some Axes Sickles &c were missing. We remonstrated
with them for their ungrateful conduct, 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, and 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, and if they were there, and stole there, Gover-
nor Macquarie would hang them: and if any of them
should come to Port Jackson in any other Ship. I should
then catch them. After a long debate, some recommending
the stolen property to be given up, others alledging that
it was too valuable to be returned, the honest party
prevailed, and ran off in different directions for the Axes &c
a number were brought in on Saturday Evening and laid
down publickly on the beach, where we were assembled
to discuss this important subject. Our object was to
convince them of the injustice and immorality of their
conduct; and to check as much as we could their dis-
position to steal. Before we allowed the baskets to be
opened and the Natives to carry the stores, I asked