

On Monday May 1st I left the Dromedary with an intention ³ of visiting several districts in the ~~interior~~ to the south west. Lieut McCrae of the 84th Regt and a Mr Clark (who was Sealing Master on board the General Gates at the time that Vessel was taken possession of by his Majesty's Ship Dromedary and sent to Port Jackson) accompanied me. On leaving the Dromedary we proceeded to Fiddle Fiddle, where we arrived the same evening and remained for the night. The Missionaries were busy preparing ground for wheat &c, assisted by several of the natives, and the Carpenters were working at the Public Buildings - I spent the evening in conversation with the Rev^d Butler and his Colleagues on the general affairs of the Mission.

Tuesday May 2nd This Morning I paid a visit to Mr Hols to see how Mr Shepherd was going on, and gave him some directions relative to his future operations - I found him at home, with the Chief Myeternow, who is a near relation to Temmarang and a powerful Chief. He had two Sons with me at Parramatta, one died there, the other returned with me in the Dromedary, and is now very ill, and not likely to recover - Myeternow was very much rejoiced to see me - He requested I would allow him to return with me to Port Jackson for his Sons bones, that he might deposit them in their Family Sepulchre. He was uncommonly fond of this Boy, he was the son of his head wife, and he considered him his Heir - He wept much when he thought of him, and told me he was sprung from one