

THE PLAY

“1802 Sydney. Governor King’s farewell party for the French Expedition”

REAL EVENTS-----REAL PEOPLE

AIM: To easily Introduce some of the foremost people that contributed to our Early Australian White History, by exploring-discovering-and plain ”getting on with adverse conditions”

A SIMPLE PLAY TO ENCOMPASS ALL the CLASS.

SHOULD OCCUPY 3 classroom periods only.

1 Signposts and Taste READINGS by the TEACHER.

2 Select the PLAYERS.

3. Enjoy the PLAY.

HOW:

JOBS to be done:

1. To include ALL THE CLASS..A job can be found for ALL.
2. Signs, drawings, and simple uniforms or period clothes.
3. Equal speaking time for all participants.
4. A Historical commentary, **and** Introduction for each ACT, should allow Girls, to make up for the historical imbalance of men (Boys).
5. Understudies should be given a go.

TEACHER READ: *With possibly Some light discussion to follow.*

1. **SIGNPOSTS TO EARLY AUSTRALIAN HISTORY AND THE PLAY SETTING.**
2. **GET A "TASTE OF OUR EARLY PEOPLE."**

SELECT:

1. Actors and Actresses.

MAKE SIMPLE: Uniforms or Clothing. Use a LARGE name SIGN..

READ: Directly From the script. Tutors may change how they like. **Have FUN!!**

PERHAPS attach a Video and Sound link.-Another job?

SIGNPOST TO EARLY AUSTRALIA.

TEACHER'S use.

Australia, a very large island at the bottom of the World Globe. After Seamen from European countries, about 1600's, sailed down the West coast of Africa the winds seemed to blow east to west. However, when the early Portuguese, Spanish and Dutch used that wind they sailed towards a very harsh inhospitable country, seemingly uninhabited. They all decided to give it a miss and sailed more upwards to land in the area we now call Indonesia. Past Indonesia they sailed up to the Philippines, China and Japan. Also up to India.

The rest of Australia as well as parts of Tasmania, called Van Diemens Land, and its West coast was visited mostly by Dutch and French explorers, with the exception of one English sailor called William Dampier in 1688. A Dutchman, Captain Dirk Hartog left a pewter eating plate ashore at small island in Western Australia, in 1616. In 1697 Captain Flamingh, found Hartog's plate and swapped it for one of his own. Captain Hamelin, from

the Nicolas Baudin Expedition, found Flamingh's plate when exploring North West Australia.

Navigation, or knowing exactly where you are on the earth, was only guess work until Captain Cook in his second of three expeditions, used 3 chronometers to time the distance in hours from a central point in London. That allowed ALL MAPS to have Latitude and Longitude written on them.

On Captain Cook's 1st voyage, in 1769, to Tahiti he was to help the scientists on board (including Joseph Banks) to track and time the Transit of Venus to give Scientists of the day some understanding of our solar system. This proved to be relatively unsuccessful. The second part of his Admiralty orders was to explore and chart the Pacific. After this Sailors then knew where they were on a World Map.

This eventually found him roughly at the bottom of Australia's East coast. He called it Point Hicks, we now call it Cape Everard. He then sailed all the way upwards past the tip of Northern Australia.

Although in Captain Cook's case, the French Sailor Explorer, De Bougainville would have landed on Cape York Peninsula, the East Coast of Australia before Cook, but rough seas of the Barrier Reef drove him away, back into the Pacific. Cook was not the first to TRY to track the transit of Venus, there were others. Notably Englishmen Mason and Dixon, who surveyed and drew a map line in America's South also attempted the task but because of ship problems never got to an appropriate area.

TASTE OF OUR EARLY PEOPLE

TEACHER'S use

A day after the First Fleet arrived in Botany Bay, two French Ships, under La Perouse arrived. If the French had not been held up in the Polynesian Islands, for 6 weeks, when several of the ships crew were murdered, by natives, what then?.

Captain Arthur Phillip commanded the entire First Fleet, and was Australia's First Governor. Other members of HMS Sirius, were Captain John Hunter, who became the Colonies 2nd Governor, and also Lt. Philip Gidley King, who became its 3rd Governor from 1789 to 1806.

King was the first Governor to bring a wife. She did her best to support other women in the Colony. Sydney still had bouts of starvation. Free settlers, and released Convicts, had pushed outwards past The Hawkesbury, Windsor and Parramatta regions to

find good pastures. Overseas Trading ships also called, from the Orient (Hong Kong) America and the Pacific Islands.

The Marine Corps by being the only “POLICE FORCE” of the English Government and the Governor of the Colony, still held a lot of power, and they were able to resist changes from the very first days of Captain Governor Arthur Philip although as a Sea Going Superior Officer, he was able to command them..

The N.S.W. Officer Corps took over from the Marine Corps. Australia’s distance from England, and harsher land and climatic conditions than those experienced by Joseph Banks, inevitably led to shortages of many items. Merchant Ships from all over the world called at Port Jackson with many goods that would fulfill shortages. In some ways the Governors were powerless to prevent the Officer Corps, who were there to “make their fortune,” from purchasing goods and re selling them for profit.

The N.S.W. Officer Corps also used RUM as a kind of money system. The Officers got the Rum from visiting ships, then used it as bargaining and bartering item with the population. The acting Governor, Lt. Governor Major Grose of the N.S.W. Officer Corps, who was in charge of the Colony, in between Phillip and Hunter, taking over, allowed this to happen. The Officers were now able to prosper and be free to farm and Trade.

Captain Philip and then the Second Governor Captain John Hunter, and King tried to stop the bartering. Bligh who was after King was even deposed by the N.S.W. Officer Corps. Only when Colonel Macquarie, the 4th Governor, arrived with his own Army Regiment soldiers, and disbanded the Marine Corps, did it stop.

POTENTIAL PLAYERS as HISTORICAL CHARACTERS:-

Act 1. Captain Philip Gidley King, the Governor. Lt. Colonel William Paterson, in charge of the N.S.W. Corps and Lt. Governor..

Macdonald- Governor Kings major domo. William Chapman- King’s Secretary.

Mrs. Anna Josephina King- and her Cook.

Mrs. William Paterson- wife of Lt. Col. W. Paterson

Act 2. Dr. George Bass- intrepid explorer. His sailing and business partner Charles Bishop. Lt. John Murray of *The lady Nelson*

James Underwood, released Convict, who became a successful Boat yard Owner and Sealing Businessman.

Mrs. Elisabeth Marsden- wife of the Rev Samuel Marsden. Sarah Bird, a released convict, who developed business's also owned a Public House

Mrs. Greville. Ex Actress, and friend of Lt. John Murray.

The French Midshipman Leon Brevedent, who circumnavigated and suggested the name French Island at Westernport. Victoria.

Act 3. Ensign Barrallier- Governor King's Military attaché, and Explorer.

George Howe- official Government Printer. Mr. Robert Campbell Business Importer.

Surgeon D'Arcy Wentworth. Lt. Pierre Millius, from the French Expedition

Jane Dundas, released Convict and Josephina King's maidservant. Margaret Catchpole, released Convict and esteemed member of the Rouse and other Household's. Mary Reibey- released Convict and Business Entrepreneur..Mrs. James Rouse-released convict and wife of James Ruse 1st Public Landowner.

Act 4. The French Contingent, led by Commander Baudin, and . Francois Peron a Naturalist, ex soldier and a possible spy.

Lt. Charles Robbins R.N. Captain of *Cumberland*. Mr. Charles Grimes, Assistant Government Surveyor. Mrs. Elizabeth Macarthur, wife of Captain John Macarthur. Mrs. Elizabeth Rouse. Mary MacDonald (wife of King's major domo) liaison for the French Officers social visits, with ladies of the Colony and Governor King. Mrs. Susannah Larra, wife of James Larra, ex convict of Spanish and Jewish origin. He was one of many disaffected people's, of non English nationality in Sydney Cove.

ACT 1 8 people---4 boys-- 3girls

ACT 1 Introduction. 1 girl The King's led an ordinary family life. Gov. King worried about his first two sons, named Norfolk and Sydney, who were born on Norfolk Island to King and a convict woman named Ann Innet. The two boys were in England preparing to become Naval Officers just like their Father. Anna Josephina King, and her children, 1 boy and 2 girls, remained in close touch with the boys.

King suffered financial losses all his working life whilst awaiting postings, particularly while awaiting to sail to Australia as 3rd Governor,.King in fact at the end of his Governership uncharacteristically persuaded the incoming Governor Bligh, of the *Bounty* fame to make a large land grant (free) to his wife.

Anna Josephina King, made substantial changes to a previously male occupied Government House, and the land around it. Creating gardens and planting many trees.

Paterson had an interesting life. He was usually called upon to act as Governor on Norfolk island and Sydney Cove, when Governors or Officers in charge of the NSW Corps, were being changed.

Nevertheless Governor King is adamant about several things that are remiss in the colony. Present are Macdonald, King's major domo. King and his wife Josephina,

SCENE: Gov. King and Wife Anna Josephina, are preparing themselves to farewell the French, and are in their Personal Lounge reception room, with Lt. Colonel Bill Paterson and wife.. The farewell will be held in the courtyard outside..

PLAYERS: Captain Gov. King..Lt. Colonel William(Bill) 2nd in command. of the Colony, and Commander of the N.S.W. Corps.. Mrs. Anna Josephina King- Governors wife. Mrs. Elizabeth Paterson.

William Chapman (Kings Secretary). MacDonald ex marine Sergeant and Kings personal Guard . Mrs. King's Cook

The Play ACT 1 Commence the Slide or Picture show for ACT 1

MACDONALD: Beg pardon Madam, the Cook is here.

ANNA JOSPHINA KING: Aaaah! Cook. What are you serving for dinner tonight?

COOK: Well Madam I have a sheep, but its old and tough. I reckon it was alive when Dr. Bass, Matty Flinders and Captain Waterhouse bought sheep from the Dutch Governor at Cape Town, and brought it back to Sydney, years ago. It still needs a lot of soaking in brine and vinegar.

ANNA KING: Hmmm, that's not very appetizing.

COOK: Well Madam I have plenty of fish but I know the Governor hates fish after his 2 stays on Norfolk Island.

ANNA KING: See if Macdonald here can get some pork or duck from the Officers Mess. I will leave it up to you.

COOK: No need for me to approach the Officers Mess Madam, if Sarah Bird is here today, I will ask her for some. She is very good friends with Dr. Bass and Charles Bishop. They have just arrived back from French Polynesia with other goods and pork for sale.

ELIZABETH PATERSON: Don't forget Anna we spent time on Norfolk, with Bill as Lt. Governor. We will have whatever your Cook serves. Even fish

ANNA KING: See Philip, how very good friends Elizabeth and I are after all those horrible stories over the years about our friendship.

GOV.KING: That's very good Anna. Well Bill, I see you are still having trouble with your shoulder

WM. PATERSON: That blackguard Captain Macarthur, lucky for me he was a bad shot in our duel, and only shot me in the shoulder.

GOV. KING: Well I sent him back to England in disgrace. He should be in London now, and with the letter I wrote about him and his behavior he will be court martial led and drummed out of the N.S.W. Corps with dishonor.

WM. PATERSON:: Anyway my shoulder still hurts a lot

GOV. KING: You know Bill? I still miss my sons, Norfolk and Sydney from my early Norfolk Island days. I don't even know if we are fighting the French anymore

ANNA KING: I am sure those boys miss you and us with our son Philip, and the girls. But they do see each other in England. Also don't forget it was Joseph Banks in England who arranged the Frenchmen's Passports, and also negotiated the Passport for Matthew Flinders with the French Government. Napoleon Bonaparte thinks a great deal about Scientific endeavors.

GOV. KING: I even think about Captain John Hunter and the Sirius wrecking on Norfolk Island.....My old ship now at the bottom of a reef on Norfolk Island.

MACDONALD: William Chapman here to see you Sir.

CHAPMAN: Sir! I have prepared some letters that you dictated. Please sign here, and here, and here. The last letter is where you have agreed to release some convicts for good behavior.

GOV. KING: Well maybe some convicts might go and mine coal at Bulli or Newcastle and sell it to people here. Or maybe they might get jobs in the Brewery I started at Parramatta. How is the farewell looking.

CHAPMAN: Well the French have finally arrived and the 2 Captains Baudin and Hamelin are trying to get them into a marching line.

WM. PATERSON: How is Francis Barrallier coming along William?

CHAPMAN: Well Sir I have very difficult thoughts about him.. Because he is partially responsible for telling tales about Mrs. King and Mrs. Paterson, to officers of the N.S.W. Corps, that resulted in Lt. Governor Paterson's duel with Captain Macarthur.

ELIZABETH PATERSON: That's awful if true. Anna and I found him most obliging in drawing up plans for the Girls and Women Work Place and Orphanage. He is always nice here in Government House.

WM. PATERSON: Yes, but I don't think he should ever have been allowed to become an Ensign in the N.S.W. Corps. Now he is a Gunnery officer! He can barely speak and understand English, let alone sit on Law Courts as a Judge. Particularly as some people are convicted to hang at those Sessions. Some of the French Officers of the Expedition speak English very well though.

ANNA KING: Can't we forget that unpleasantness. I sent Jane Dundas, my housemaid, to stand with Francis to help him converse in English and support him..

ELIZABETH PATERSON: But Anna, I thought you said that on the long voyage out from England, Francis Brevdent was an entertaining and thoughtful fellow passenger.

WM. PATERSON: Yes he probably was,, but you should remember my dear, that was before he joined the NSW Corps, as a fellow officer when he became one of many fellow officers. Remember he was sent by his father, who became a ship draughtsman for the English Navy Yards at Portsmouth, to see what and if he could make his fortune in any way possible.

ELIZABETH PATERSON: Let's change the conversation! I hear that Mr. Robert Sidaway and his wife Mary Marshall, with Mrs.Greville will be here today.

ANNA KING: Aha ! that was the released convict who Governor Hunter allowed to put on several plays in Bell Row here in Sydney town, and Mrs. Greville played the part of' Jane Shore."

ELIZABETH PATERSON: Yes the plays were "Jane Shore" followed by" The Wapping Landlady" followed by The Miraculous Cure" .John Hunter allowed the plays, then later

stopped them from happening because lots of robberies seemed to occur in the area of the Playhouse.

ANNA KING: Philip you should look at allowing Mr. Sidaway to restart the plays. They would be better than that horrible version of William Shakespeare's play, Richard the Third that we had on Norfolk Island.

GOV. KING: I have more to worry about than that Anna. Anyway he has a lot of land at The Field of Mars, for growing things and I allow him to purchase goods for re sale of visiting ships. You know, for all that talk about Francis Barrallier, his survey drawings of Westernport and its approaches when he sailed with Captain Grant on the *Lady Nelson* are superb. I hope he has not been seeing any of the French, who we are seeing off today.

WM. PATERSON: I don't think so Philip, he still blames the people of France for his fathers forced exile to Italy then his transfer to England where he is a Naval draughtsman. I think his maps are good. It certainly clarifies what George Bass and then later George and Mathew Flinders did. Now any ship can sail between the Mainland and Van Diemens land in complete safety and cut several days from the voyage here to Sydney.

GOV. KING: Anyway I am sending him to explore those Blue Mountains to our west and try to find out if pasture land exists beyond them. George Bass tried that sometime earlier for 15 days, but didn't make it though the valleys and mountains, and returned without any success. George Calley also had a go to no avail also.

CHAPMAN: Sir, the band is tuning up, and will play when you signify. The French will form one group, and the other people will form small chatting groups. I must say I like the garden setting here than the one on Norfolk Island

WM. PATERSON: You know I never could work out what that Miraculous Cure was, in that Play!

GOV.KING: Don't worry about that Bill. I expect after this Farewell for the French Expedition, that you make sure all your Officers return the convicts after the next harvest. Its not fair that I authorize all their upkeep costs and the Officers use them for free.

WM. PATERSON: Philip you know that will stir up the Officers and make a problem for your Governing.

GOV.KING: Hmmm. Well that's too bad! I must Govern properly.

MACDONALD: Beg pardon Sir, the Band will start playing as soon as you and Mrs. King appear on the verandah.

ELIZABETH PATERSON: Mr. Chapman, I hope you gave Mary McDonald the invitation for ladies to attend this farewell.

CHAPMAN: Madam, I gave all the ladies invitations to Mary MacDonald, as instructed, for distribution. Its not like Norfolk Island where I could call on everybody.

MACDONALD: My wife Mary, sent out, and delivered all the invitations she was given. She even gave several to Ann Marsh, the lady who owns a small boat fleet, to deliver to ladies living near Parramatta.

ELIZABETH PATERSON: Philip, on Anna's behalf I sent an invitation to Mrs. Elizabeth Macarthur. Anna and I have found her a genuinely nice woman. It's a pity that her husband Captain John Macarthur is so aggressive towards everyone. Seeing general conversations as a personal insult to himself, and he has to respond by insults and wishing for duels.

ANNA KING: Well she is one of the very few ladies in the colony without a convict background. I know she works very hard at Elizabeth Farm Parramatta, for her Family and also supports Convict Women.

GOV. KING: Anyway let's go outside, and see what happens! I want to spend some time with my fellow explorers, and re capture some good days.

ACT 2 8 people---5 boys-- 3girls

ACT 2 Introduction. 1 girl By the time of the farewell, Dr. George Bass, had left the Navy and owned a share in a private Trading Ship . During his life as a serving Naval Surgeon, he had sailed and rowed a small dingy down to Bulli in NSW. Sailed and rowed with 6 sailors a whaleboat down the NSW Coast and discovered Westernport in Victoria.

He suspected that a strait existed. He then sailed with Matthew Flinders and found that Van Diemens Land (Tasmania) was an Island separated from Australia. He even climbed what today is called Mt. Wellington at Hobart. The exploration meant savings of several usually dangerous long days sailing when on route from England, India or South Africa to Sydney Cove.

Other things that Bass did was to sail to Cape Town South Africa, with his friend Lt. Mathew Flinders, in a ship commanded by Lt. John Waterhouse. They were to purchase sheep and cattle from the Dutch Governor, to help feed the starving Sydney Colony.

He also found missing cattle from the First Fleet at a place then and now called Cow pastures. He also attempted to find a route through the Blue Mountains, using climbing irons and ropes. He and his party abandoned the expedition after 14 days.

Bass also married John Waterhouse's sister, while in England. He only lived with her for 10 weeks, because he then sailed to Sydney Cove and then disappeared while sailing to South America.

When Bass and Bishop arrived in Sydney Cove, they followed Governors Kings suggestion to sail to Polynesia and bring back to the colony pigs and vegetables.

SCENE: George Bass is the centre of a small group. Two of them, Lt. Murray, and Midshipman Brevedent had lately visited Westernport. Mrs. Marsden was anxious for her husband the Reverend religious prospects in the Church. Whilst Sarah Bird, an ex convict, is a successful business woman. Mrs. Greville occasionally acted on the stage.

PLAYERS: George Bass and friend Charles Bishop. James Underwood, boat yard Owner. Lt. John Murray Capt. of *Lady Nelson*. French Midshipman Leon Brevedent. Mrs. Eliza Marsden. Sarah Bird. Mrs. Greville.

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MRS. ELIZA MARSDEN: Well Sarah Bird, that was a fine piece of pork I purchased from you the other day.

SARAH BIRD: Well, for that you have to thank those two gentlemen, Doctor George Bass and Captain Charles Bishop. They followed Governor King's suggestion and brought pork back here from Polynesia. They also sold some to Commander Baudin.

MRS. ELIZA MARSDEN: Well anyway Sarah, we may have some sheep, cattle and pork meat that the Reverend Marsden can sell you from our farm, very soon.

SARAH BIRD: That will seem funny Mrs. Marsden, because I will probably sell some back to George Bass and Charlie Bishop, when they set sail to go across the ocean to the West Coast of South America soon.

MRS. ELIZA MARSDEN: Charles are you really going to go to South America. The Reverend Samuel, my husband, says that the Pope of the Catholic Church has divided up South America. The West side to Spain, and the Eastern side to Portugal. The Spanish will imprison any non Spanish ship.

CHARLES BISHOP: Well Mrs. Marsden, I have purchased Seal skins in Japan, and the West Coast of America, and sold them to Chinese merchants in Shanghai and Canton China. I have also bought Seal skins from Mr. Underwood here. He got them from the Islands separating us from Van Dieman's land after George here discovered Westernport, and John Murray here also discovered Port Phillip Bay and other Islands. So I am not afraid to go to South America and upset Spanish claims.

SARAH BIRD: George, you and Matthew Flinders and Captain Waterhouse, sailed from here at Sydney, over to South Africa, and bought sheep, and cattle from the Dutch Governor at Cape Town. Then brought them back here to Sydney on the orders of Governor Captain John Hunter. That was when our colony was starving is that true?

GEORGE BASS: Yes, that's true. I am lucky now that I do not have to Doctor and repair sailors injuries any more. When I went back to England I married Captain Waterhouse's sister. Here I am as a partner with Charles.

CHARLES BISHOP: Mrs. Marsden, I also sailed with stores to Norfolk Island for the brother of Mr. George Campbell, then on to Tahiti. I brought back to Sydney the London missionary Society Members who were under attack by the natives.

MIDSHIPMAN BREVEDENT: That must have been frightening Mr. Bishop, with your ship anchored in a Bay, surrounded by canoes of hostile natives. It sounds similar to the death of Captain Cook

CHARLES BISHOP: Yes it was a bit like that. .Excuse me everyone, I feel quite ill. I must see if Surgeon D'Arcy Wentworth can help me.

MRS. GREVILLE: John, didn't you say that the vegetables that Captain John Grant ordered you and all the crew to plant on that little island just inside Westernport, were still growing and looking good?

LT. JOHN MURRAY: Yes. That was a fine exploration with Captain Grant, George Caley the Botanist, and Francis Barrallier. He is that fine Officer standing over there in that other group. By the way Midshipman Brevedent, Francis Barrallier, drew the fine maps that Joseph Banks ensured you Frenchmen were given lots of copies, when he was helping you

obtain Passports for your expedition. Your Captains Baudin and Hamelin would have been most grateful.

MIDSHIPMAN BREVEDENT: Yes the maps were very helpful. I have been lucky enough to meet with Ensign Barrallier and discuss the maps further.

LT. JOHN MURRAY: And of course you sailed through, what we call Bass Strait named after George here.

JAMES UNDERWOOD: *The Lady Nelson* has had a bit of a flogging recently. It's just as well that Matthew Flinders ordered you to stop helping him explore and map Australia, and to sail the ship directly to here at Sydney for repairs, when you were at Cumberland Island. The ship may have sunk if you had kept going.

MRS. GREVILLE: You didn't tell me that your ship was so unsafe John. Why don't you tell us about discovering Port Phillip bay 3 weeks before Mathew Flinders arrived.

LT. JOHN MURRAY: Ah well! I named it Port King after our Governor but he refused to accept the name and called it Port Phillip after Governor Arthur Phillip. Anyway James this time we are lucky that your repair yard is able to carry out the repairs.

GEORGE BASS: James I hear that your Boat Building and Repair yard is expanding. Different boats from the tiny *Tom Thumb* dinghy that Matty Flinders and I sailed down the coast, hey!

JAMES UNDERWOOD: Well George, I must admit business is getting bigger, as the colony needs boats to service outlying area, and to get supplies from England, India and China. My biggest problem, is getting hemp to weave into sails and rope. It's a pity Captain Cook's find on Norfolk Island of hemp for rope, and pine trees for masts proved to be no good for our use in building boats.

GEORGE BASS: The ship that was built on Norfolk Island called the *Enterprise*, out of local timbers was a very well built ship that Matty and I sailed on.

JAMES UNDERWOOD: It certainly was, but not long lasting enough for my yard. We do make a similar design, you and Mathew Flinders proved it a good design, when you sailed between this mainland and Van Diemens land.

GEORGE BASS: Let's hear from this young French Officer, Midshipman Brevedent. You know he actually sailed and rowed around an island in the top right hand corner of Westernport Bay. Something that I didn't have time, or the inclination to do.

JAMES UNDERWOOD: Before we hear from Midshipman Brevedent, I must say that my Boat Building Yard was disappointed by Governor King selling *Casuarina*, the boat built out of our Australian native Casuarina trees here in Sydney Cove, to the French Expedition.

They now have three ships. Given a little more time we could have built a better type of boat.

LT. JOHN MURRAY: I must say that the *Casuarina* might be good in sailing into small coves or fooling around in rivers, but I think it might not sail very well to wind wards.

JAMES UNDERWOOD: I think it might have possible to make a kind of *Lady Nelson* type sliding keel to help them.

LT. JOHN MURRAY: Anyway from what I hear, when the *Le Naturaliste*, sails directly from here to France taking scientific items she will have to borrow crew members. That will leave the remaining two ships with very little crew members, because of illness.

MIDSHIPMAN BREVEDENT: Pardon my English. Well Doctor Bass, when we were in Westernport, Lt. Pierre Millius actually organized the boat and crew, as well as giving me instructions about what to do and where to meet him and the other long boat crew the next day

GEORGE BASS: I seem to remember there was a lot of mud flats and a very strong tide there.

MIDSHIPMAN BREVEDENT: Yes, that is true. We actually pushed the long boat onto a sandy strip to have a sleep. The mosquito's were awful. Lt. Millius named the island in your language as French Island. In our language it is called Island Du Port Westernport.

MRS. GREVILLE: That was a bit cheeky naming it French Island Midshipman. After all it is English territory.

MIDSHIPMAN BREVEDENT: We did not think so at the time Madame. Mr. Faure our cartographer, actually drew a whole map of Westernport.

GEORGE BASS: Not so important Madam. Myself, Captain Grant of the *Lady Nelson*, with Lt. Murray and young Barrallier, and George Caley the botanist, did not undertake the task, so I congratulate the French expedition.

MRS. GREVILLE: Well, if you are happy Doctor Bass, who are we to argue.

MIDSHIPMAN BREVEDENT: Dr. Bass, your experience in Bass Straight, named after yourself, where you were making for the wrecked ship Sydney Cove, owned by Mr. Robert Campbell, to obtain stores, and your port stern planks were starting to make water, must have been very dangerous and scary.

GEORGE BASS: It actually felt rather funny when sailing with Matt around Van Diemens Land in a large Sailing ship, when we got to that area where my tiny longboat and crew of six, had sprung a leak on our voyage. We could have been drowned.

LT. JOHN MURRAY: George, did you ever find out if the wrecked sailing boat and Irish convict runaways you found on that little island just off Wilsons Promontory, stole the boat to go to China, and took the wrong turn after leaving Port Jackson, or were they trying to replicate Captain Cook's voyage in reverse by sailing from Hicks Point to New Zealand and then up to China ?

GEORGE BASS: We were so amazed to see them and the seas were so rough that we only managed to put some on shore to walk northwards to port Jackson, and the old man and boy we took aboard on our return journey to Port Jackson knew nothing. Anyway, I am more interested to find out if the Coal Seams that I found at Newcastle, just North of Sydney, and at Bulli just South of Sydney, are being mined for the good of the colony, and could I carry a cargo, and sell it somewhere ?

LT. JOHN MURRAY: We have all heard about Captain Bligh's journey of about 3000 miles in an open over laden long boat, because of Fletcher Christian's mutiny. Maybe the Irish were going to row up the Coast line to China. If they were going to go by sailing eastward to New Zealand, then one of them would have to have been a navigator.

SARAH BIRD: Anyway that's men's talk. We ladies are more interested in the affairs of the Colony. How are you getting along Mrs. Marsden?

MRS. ELIZABETH MARSDEN: Well my husband , the Reverend Samuel, is rather disappointed that Mr. William Wilberforce in England, is not getting Samuel the rewards in Church Office. Sometimes he gets pretty harsh when he sits on the Law Court Bench, when he acts as Magistrate. He is particularly critical of Captain John Macarthur, who is now in England, hope fully awaiting his Court Martial

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ACT 3 Introduction. 1 girl

Francois Barrallier was an impoverished young French man. He was born in France the year the French King Louis 16th was executed. His Father being a Royalist sympathizer, eventually wound up in England with his Family, where as a Draughtsman he helped design ships for the English navy.

Francis was sent to Australia to make his own way in life. Luckily he sailed on the same ship as the New Governor to be, Philip Gidley King and his wife Anna Josephina. In Australia not much is known about his early struggles to survive, but he did design a 'Women's and Girl's Orphanage' for Anna Josephina King. He was then sent by Governor King to accompany Lt. John Grant of the ship *Lady Nelson*, (the first ship to sail between Van Diemens Land and Australia) to fill in the missing gaps on the atlas of Australia between Van Diemens Land and Westernport, that had previously been discovered by Bass and Flinders.

Because of s shortage of NSW Corps Officers Barrallier was made an Ensign in the Officer Corps, and became eligible for a small free land holding, and of course engaged in Rum Selling as all the Officers did. He also tried to find a way though the Blue Mountains before Blaxland, Wentworth and Lawson were successful.

All of the women committed crimes in England, transported to Botany Bay, then eventually released.

SCENE: Barrallier, is talking with Jane Dundas, recognizing the coming difficulties he is having between the Governor and his wife and his fellow Officers who resent Governor King 'controlling "them. Also two influential men in the Colony as well as Millius from the French Expedition.

PLAYERS: Francis Barrallier. George Howe, Government Printer. Mr. Robert Campbell, Ship owner-Trader with India-Wharf Owner.

Lt. Pierre Millius, from the French Expedition. Surgeon D'Arcy Wentworth.

Jane Dundas- Anna Josephina King's servant. Margaret Catchpole, released convict..Mrs. Mary Reibey-released convict and business woman. Mrs. Ruse, released convict and wife of James Ruse, released convict.

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JANE DUNDAS: Francis, I have been cautioning you about telling your brother Officers about what happens in Government House.

ENSIGN FRANCIS BARRALLIER: Jane, I am aware of your warnings. However I fear that things are not good between Governor King and the Officer Corps. They pick on anything that will discredit Governor King.

JANE DUNDAS: Look , see that Officer over there, I think he is making his way over to us. Probably to find out more things about the Governor and Mrs. King. Although he probably won't talk to me because I stole some linen in England, and was transported here.

ENSIGN FRANCIS BARRALLIER: ‘groaning’ I will be glad when the Governor allows me to leave Sydney Cove and try to find the “King of the Mountains” by crossing that range of Blue Mountains to our North west. Dr. George Bass, and also George Caley tried a few years ago but failed.

GEORGE HOWE: Hello young Francis and Jane. Isn't this a splendid farewell party. I will have a lot to write about in the Newspaper. Don't be despondent young Barrallier. Governor King has had harsh words to say about a lot of people, including Mr. Robert Campbell here.

ROBERT CAMPBELL: Yes, that's the truth. I import cattle and other things for the colony, and yet Governor King stops me selling spirits to the NSW Corps and colonialists. Even the French Expedition has been in trouble using spirits to barter with.

GEORGE HOWE: Well the Governor sees it all rather differently Robert. By the way when do you expect my order of printing paper to arrive from India. I have only about 6 months stock left. And also that mechanical part for my printing press from Scotland.

ROBERT CAMPBELL: One of my ships should arrive in the next 3 months, with all your supplies. By the way Lt. Millius, I know Commodore Baudin is looking to purchase another ship so that a French ship can take Scientific records and artifacts back to France. You could put in a good word for me, maybe he could hire a ship from me. That would give me the opportunity to Trade in French Ports!

LT. PIERRE MILLIUS: Mr. Campbell, we have on board young Hyacynth De Bougainville he is only a junior Officer. People think that he has the same aura as his famous father, who nearly discovered this eastern place of Australia before Captain Cook. Young Freycenet will Captain the vessel, you should talk to both of them.

MARGARET CATCHPOLE: You still look sick Lt. Millius. Perhaps Surgeon D'Arcy Wentworth here could prescribe different help.

D'ARCY WENTWORTH: As you know Margaret, I have not been allowed to look after the Lt. Millius, but he is still rather ill and not responding to treatment by the looks of it.

MARY REIBEY : I must say you still look ill Lt. Millius. You looked better the other day when you called on me.

D'ARCY WENTWORTH: Maybe Lt. Millius, you and your men should volunteer to Governor King to get inoculated against the disease of cow pox.

LT. PIERRE MILLIUS: Mrs. Reibey and Mr. Wentworth, unless I recover very very quickly, my fellow Frenchmen will sail away without me.

JANE DUNDAS: How is that so Lt. Millius?

LT. PIERRE MILLIUS: Madame, you will recall that my ship the *Le Naturaliste* in command of Captain Hamelin, arrived here in Sydney without our expeditions other ship *Le Geographe* Captained by Commodore Baudin, the expeditions leader. Commodore Baudin met with Lt. Mathew Flinders at a place Flinders called Encounter Bay. My Captain,

Captain Hamelin then left me and other sick sailors here in Sydney so that he could sail to China. Commodore Baudin on the *Naturaliste* then arrived here in Sydney. Then Captain Hamelin arrived back here in Sydney because he encountered bad weather.

JANE DUNDAS: Yes, we all understand that Lt. Millius, but would they sail away without you?

LT. PIERRE MILLIUS: Miss Dundas, you have steady service at Government House. We sailors are bought and sold and discarded at Captain's whims. I have orders that I am to get well and help the other sailors get well, then purchase a passage to China, from thence to the island of Ile de France, you call it Mauritius, and thence to return to France. Captain Hamelin has given me some money, and that's why I have asked Mrs. Reibey to help find me some accommodation for myself and sailors so that we can get well then take a ship to China.

MARY REIBEY : I may be able to accommodate you and some sailors at the place called The Rocks. From there you would be able to see all the shipping here and talk to their Masters. Have you talked with Mr. Robert Campbell.

MARGARET CATCHPOLE: All that effort to return to France. Still I know all about planning and effort.

D'ARCY WENTWORTH: I don't think I can get you and your men well very quickly Lt. Millius. Unfortunately you will have to learn to be patient, the hard way like I did.

ENSIGN FRANCIS BARRALLIER: What do you mean by that Mr. Wentworth? I have waited ages for an English Colonial Office decision. I am disappointed that after all the expeditions and surveys I have carried out I still hope to be appointed Assistant Government Surveyor, under Charles Grimes. Trouble is he is still awaiting official notification to be Government Surveyor instead of Charles Alt who wants to retire.

D'ARCY WENTWORTH: I was taken to the Old Bailey Courts in London, three times and tried for stealing as a Highwayman. Anyway over that time I applied and was accepted for the post of Surgeon at Botany bay. In fact the fourth time I was tried, the Magistrate let me go because I had already been accepted at Botany Bay. So I learnt to be patient.

GEORGE HOWE: I don't think I should use that information in the Government Paper D'Arcy. It might get us into trouble. Still I might put part of it into my second book publication in this Colony now that my first one is finished

D'ARCY WENTWORTH: So you see Lt. Millius, to recover from your illness, you will need patience, then you can sail away to China.

ROBERT CAMPBELL: George smelling all that printing ink might have made you ill.

GEORGE HOWE: Know I remember something when you were serving on Norfolk Island, D'Arcy. Some Irish convicts wanted to start a rebellion, and were going to use you, an Irishman, to co ordinate it. Luckily you proved you had nothing to do with it.

MRS. JAMES RUSE: Quite a few Irish and Scottish people live in and around Windsor Mr. Howe.

GEORGE HOWE: Of that I am aware Madam. I am also aware that your husband was looked upon very favorably by Governor Phillip.

MRS. JAMES RUSE: Well after the Governor gave James, 1 and a half acres, some chickens and 2 pigs and some grain, and some convicts to help farm and then told him to farm at Parramatta, he did so. After 1 year, he told the Governor he did not require any more help to live from the government.

ROBERT CAMPBELL: Aha, so that's how Experimental Farm started. Wasn't he the first convict to have served his time here in Sydney Town, and how the Governor made him the first Landowner in this country? What happened then?

MRS. JAMES RUSE: The Governor then gave him an additional 30 acres. Which he later sold to Surgeon Harris. The Governor then asked him to settle at Windsor.

ROBERT CAMPBELL: My Sophia and I help support the settlement at Ebenezer, just North of Windsor Town, close to Portland Head.

MARGARET CATCHPOLE: So that's how they got the land at Portland Head, your wife is the sister of my employer Mr. John Palmer the Commissary. You strike me as a very confident man Lt. Millius. Similar to some of the things I have done. Even going into Westernport with Midshipman Bredent's maps was brave, because Captain Hamelin and the *Geographe* could have been lost at sea. Then you would have been stuck there.

LT. PIERRE MILLIUS: I think your escape from Prison climbing up a clothes line, and then all your horse riding exploits were more dangerous than mine Madame. And here in Sydney Cove, you still persist in riding horses to wherever you have to go.

MARGARET CATCHPOLE: Yes but don't forget I was sentenced to hang, after escaping from Goal twice. My sentence was changed to transportation to Sydney Cove. Luckily on the ship the *Nile* I helped Mrs. Rouse deliver a baby. Two days after arriving in Port Jackson I went to work for Mr. John Palmer at Woolloomooloo Farm, and then helped Mrs. Palmer deliver a baby.

ENSIGN FRANCIS BARRALLIER: All this talk about braveness. To a Frenchman it is a natural thing to be brave. During the Revolution my Father escaped to Italy, with our family, then went to England to design ships for the English Navy at Portsmouth. He taught me to

measure, calculate and draw. That's how I was able to draw plans for Mrs. King's orphanage.

MARY REIBEY : My husband says that you Francis, had two severe accidents, and nearly drowned when you went to Westernport, with Lt. John Grant on the *Lady Nelson*. You were sent by Gov. King to fill in the gaps on his chart of the area, that were left by George and Matthew and Lt. Grant..

ENSIGN FRANCIS BARRALLIER: Actually Mrs. Reibey the voyage to Westernport and back again to Sydney Cove, that took 2 months, was very exciting and satisfying for me as a Surveyor Draughtsman. Lt. Murray, standing in that other group over there, and I nearly drowned when rowing on the shore at Westernport. Also when I was with Lt. Grant whilst surveying the eastern side of the Bay, Lt. Grant and I got caught in a whirlpool. The boat capsized and we fell out of the boat. That was a narrow escape.

MARGARET CATCHPOLE: Anyway I want to know from you Mr. Campbell when that order of bed linen, and bandages I placed with your wife Sophia to be purchased and to be shipped from India will arrive?.

ROBERT CAMPBELL: That's all you women worry about. My wife Sophia shouldn't be so obliging, expecting my brother in India to purchase and send these articles to you.

MARY REIBEY : Margaret, this is the first time we have met. Although I have heard about you. Please call on me. My husband will obtain those items and other goods you might like from India, or wherever. He still has connections in the British East Indies Company offices in India..

MARGARET CATCHPOLE: I believe you were also sentenced to Transportation Mrs. Reibey for stealing and trying to sell a horse?

MARY REIBEY : Yes that's true Margaret. I have learnt a lot since then. I was given a very good education but it still wasn't enough excitement for me. I was sentenced to Transportation. My name was Mary Heydock then. I was only fifteen and dressed like a boy. Mother gave me 2 guineas, before I left England. A Man stole the money from me in Sydney Cove. He said he needed it to convince the authorities that I was innocent and they would let me go free. However he ran away with the money. So I am rather tough in business these days..

ROBERT CAMPBELL Margaret I didn't say that we would not supply you, its just difficult sometimes when we are trying to obtain lots of cattle and lots of grains to feed the Colony

MARGARET CATCHPOLE: Thank you Robert.

MRS. JAMES RUSE: I heard Mrs. Reibey, that when you arrived at Sydney Cove, you became a Nursemaid in Lt. Governor Francis Grosse's household , and you Margaret have been given a "Settlers Muster number 611" that allows you to be employed by any one and you are free to wander around the countryside. I wish I had something like that when I lived on the next property to Mrs. Macarthur at Elizabeth Farm, Parramatta, for a few months.

Act 4 8 people---4 boys-- 4 girls

ACT 4 Introduction. 1 girl

At this time in the colonization of Australia, things had settled down. The British Government recognized Australia as proper colony, requiring some support. From the Governor downwards the threat of starvation, proper employment of the convicts, self sufficiency was of vital importance. The Governor still had to deal with the NSW Corps, his only "Police Force" for Law and Order. They seemed to become more important than the Governor.

Ships of Convicts and Free settlers continued to arrive. Ships also arrived from "anywhere" to sell or barter goods. People just made the best of where they lived and the misfortunes or opportunities that came up.

Were the French at war with Britain? After the War of American Liberation, where the French aided and fought with the Americans against the British, both the French and British people were wary of each others intentions.

Both countries had diplomatic arrangements. Joseph Banks arranged Matthew Flinders Passport with the French, to say that he was on an "Exploring Voyage and not a War Voyage". The French did the same with Commodore Baudin's voyage of "Scientific Study and Exploration".

Mrs. Macarthur, ran Elizabeth Farm during John Macarthur's absences. She, more than Macarthur actually made the "Farm" pay its way, and probably gave Macarthur financial security to enable him to engage in other business affairs, in England and Australia.

SCENE: The French Expedition Leader, and Peron an expedition member, with a group of influential people.

PLAYERS: Commodore Baudin. Francois Peron.

Lt. Charles Robbins, Captain of the ship *Cumberland*.

Charles Grimes, Government Surveyor.

Mrs. Macarthur. Mrs. Elizabeth Rouse Susannah Larra. Mary McDonald

The Play ACT 4 Commence the Slide or Picture show for ACT 4

LIEUTENANT CHARLES ROBBINS. Well Charles, I have my ship the *Cumberland*, ready to sail the moment the French sail out of Sydney. The Governor was very clever in giving the French that land and beach next to Mathew Flinders campsite on the North side of the Harbour. We can see every move they make.

CHARLES GRIMES: Our mission is very important. The Governor does not want the French Expedition to plant a French Flag on any Bass strait islands, and claim it as part of French Territory.

LIEUTENANT CHARLES ROBBINS: I think Commodore Baudin and Captain Hamelin could be convinced to do so by that fellow Peron. We all think he is a proper spy for the French Government.

CHARLES GRIMES: I know he has been talking to that Spanish Jewish fellow, released convict James Lara, who owns that Public House the Freemasons Arms at Parramatta. Also when the good ladies of the Colony, organize carriage rides for the French Officers so that they are not bored and also so they can see the country, Mr. Peron takes a lot of notes.

LIEUTENANT CHARLES ROBBINS: Well he is an ex soldier, so he would value information. Anyway I have a few cannons on my ship that could persuade them to go away. Oh! Oh! Here comes Mrs. Macarthur and some other women with Commodore Baudin.

CHARLES GRIMES: Well at least my wife isn't with them. She would tell Mrs. Macarthur that I supported her husband Captain John Macarthur of the NSW Corps, before he got sent back to England on Court Martial charges.

LIEUTENANT CHARLES ROBBINS: Well I also know a little about Mrs. Macarthur. She was great friends with Surgeon Worgan of the *Sirius* and purchased his piano from him. She was also good friends with Captain Watkin Tench and Lt. William Dawes from the First Fleet arrivals. She is also aware that they and Governor Arthur Philip, Captain Hunter and others wrote articles for London newspapers.

MRS. MACARTHUR: Good afternoon Gentlemen. May I introduce Commodore Baudin, who commands the French Expedition.

COMMODORE BAUDIN: Bonjour gentlemen. I hope we have been forgiven from flying your English flag from the wrong place on our ship when we entered Port Jackson. That place is where we fly the French Flag.

LIEUTENANT CHARLES ROBBINS: Forgiven Sir! Although I must admit we did think you were insulting us.

COMMODORE BAUDIN: Is that your fine ship, *the Cumberland* moored opposite us on the other side of the Harbour?

LIEUTENANT CHARLES ROBBINS: Yes it is. The Governor has ordered me to be ready to sail anytime.

CHARLES GRIMES: More to the point Commodore Baudin, your two French Officers were proved by a Court, to not guilty of trading in rum. Something the Governor is against.

COMMODORE BAUDIN: It was only ignorance of the situation, not a deliberate attempt to cause trouble. Ours is a Scientific Expedition, the third one I have commanded. It's not meant to be a French expansion. We are trying to complete a map of Australia. Although when I met your Captain Flinders in a place he called Encounter Bay, we realized that the English Government and the Colony here in Sydney regard all of Australia as English.

LIEUTENANT CHARLES ROBBINS: Very true Sir.

COMMODORE BAUDIN: You will have heard that I purchased the *Casuarina* from Governor King. Ever since we left France I have lost crewmen either through illness of desertion in fact it is impossible to sail the two large ships. So I crew up *Le Naturaliste* and send her back to France with scientific items. The crewing of the *Casuarina* will only be 5

or 6 hands, so we can continue to sail *Le Geographe* and use the *Casuarina* sloop for close inshore work..

LIEUTENANT CHARLES ROBBINS: Very sensible Sir.

COMMODORE BAUDIN: Mrs. Macarthur, I have brought 50 pounds in English money, to give to the Governor's wife, Mrs. King. It is for her to spend on the Woman and Girls Factory at Parramatta. I am very impressed with her work there, and with all the other Ladies, such as Mrs. Marsden, and including you of course Mrs. Macarthur.

MRS. MACARTHUR: I'm sure that Anna King will be grateful for your donation Commander. I will pass on the money to Mrs. Mary McDonald here to give to Anna. I'm not to welcome at Government House. My husband is quick to become aggrieved, and after his duel with Bill Paterson, then Lt. Governor and the Corps Commanding Officer Governor King has sent him back to England to face a Courts Martial.

COMMODORE BAUDIN: I hear that your Husband Captain John Macarthur has take your eldest Daughter and Son back to England with him, so that they may be educated in England. It must be lonely for you?

SUSSANAH LARRA: Lt. Robbins and Mr. Grimes, have you met Monsieur Peron, the Expeditions Zoologist and Naturalist. He has stayed for several days at Mr. Larra's Freemason's Inn at Parramatta. Mr. Larra cannot come today he has religious duties to perform.

MONSIEUR PERON: Excuse me gentlemen my English is very bad. I have been very impressed with this English Colony. Some of your Governments expeditions to Newcastle and the Hawksbury River, were very well planned and carried out. That brave Frenchman Barrallier is now to go to the nearby Blue Mountains and find a way through if he can.

SUSSANAH LARRA: Do you still strongly feel that this colony should be French Monsieur Peron. Particularly after two Frenchmen, have planted about 10,000 grape vines?

MONSIEUR PERON: Well Madam, you cannot deny that Louis de Bougainville should have landed on the eastern shores of Australia before Captain Cook. Bruny D'Entrecasteaux, sailed through some islands attached to Van Diemens land, and Comte de La Perouse arrived of Botany Bay the same time as your Fleet led by Captain Arthur Philip. We French have had a lot to do with this land.

MRS. ELIZABETH ROUSE: You shouldn't forget that the Spanish ships of Commodore Allessandro Malespina arrived here in 1793. so they were earlier than your current expedition.

MRS. MACARTHUR: I notice you limp a lot Monsieur Peron. I feel also that you are somewhat a testy person. Maybe its because of your years as a prisoner of war. You appear to be like my husband Captain John Macarthur. Look what that has done to his prospects.

SUSSANAH LARRA: That limp is from an old war wound, when you were fighting the Prussians, and was captured. Isn't that correct Monsieur Peron? Then you were imprisoned for nearly two years. That's also how you lost sight in one eye isn't it Monsieur Peron. Anyway that's what you told my husband.

MONSIEUR PERON: That is true Madam.

COMMODORE BAUDIN: Your Governor King has been most kind. He invited me to stay at his residence for several days. He took that opportunity to tell me how much he enjoyed visiting Compte La Perouse at Botany Bay in 1788. The La Perouse expedition, was also on a scientific and discovery expedition like ours . Did you know that our First Consul Napoleon Bonaparte when he was a young military student applied for a position with that Expedition. Luckily for France he was denied permission, so that he did not disappear with La Perouse and his shipmates.

MONSIEUR PERON: I think that it is likely that our First Consul will soon proclaim himself the highest leader in France. He will give himself an office grander than First Consul. Maybe Emperor. For the betterment of France.

SUSSANAH LARRA: We enjoyed having you having you at the Freemasons Arms in Parramatta, but my husband, James Larra, has had some criticism for looking after members of your expedition Monsieur Peron. We have quite a few Frenchmen here, in Sydney Town including a Baron.

MONSIEUR PERON: Well Madam, Mrs. Macdonald here, and Madam Macarthur, can vouch that I have always been interested in the people of the colony and what they do. It seems to be very egalitarian society just like in France after we got rid of the nobility.

MRS. MARY MACDONALD: Well Commander Baudin and you Monsieur Peron, you cannot deny that ladies of this colony have taken you and your Officers for drives around our Colony. But I must say that we have all felt that you Frenchmen feel that you own our land. Remember it was Captain Cook that sailed all along our Eastern Coast.

COMMODORE BAUDIN: Madam, I hope we have not given you the wrong impression, but you must also remember that the Dutch and Portuguese people discovered and landed on your Western Coast on their way to China and the Dutch East Indies. Long before Captain Cook.

MRS. MARY MACDONALD: Well we claim this large country as English. Mathew Flinders is still away circumnavigating and mapping our country. Our Governor King speaks very good French, in fact he visited La Perouse on his ship at Botany Bay. While you Commander Baudin, have lived at our Governor's King's Mansion here in Sydney for 3 days.

MRS. ELIZABETH ROUSE: Well as you know Mary, my Husband and I sailed to this Colony on the *Nile*, with a letter of introduction from the Duke of Portland. Governor King gave him 100 acres of land to be farmed at North Richmond. We are very happy with this country.

MRS. MARY MACDONALD: I wonder if that religious group of settlers who paid their own passage and have settled at Portland Head on the Hawksbury River feel the same. They are lucky the Aboriginal rebel chief Permulwuys was shot some time ago. Even though he inhabited the Parramatta area he would have roamed through the Hawksbury river area, and escaped convicts, who we call Bush Rangers, are prevalent in that area.

MRS. MACARTHUR: They will have to adapt like we have all done ladies. As you know my husband Captain John Macarthur, like a lot of his fellow Officer's from the NSW Corps, had no experience at soldiering or becoming Land Owners, or of the conditions that would exist here. I believe all of us women here in the Colony, have worked hard to support our husbands and families.

MRS. ELIZABETH ROUSE: The Hawksbury river area is quite a way from Sydney Town, but I believe the Sydney Merchant Mr. Robert Campbell supports their Religious Group in England.. That is something that my Husband who is a very strong Anglican, does not believe in. Even for me to get here for this Farewell, it has been a quite lengthy and arduous journey.. I feel the Religious Group settlers will be like the rest of us. Work hard so that they will never be hungry and cold again. And be lucky.

MRS. MARY MACDONALD: Lt. Robins, does your ship the *Cumberland*, have on board a cannon suitable for a Salute to the King, for when you and Mr. Grimes follow the French Expedition if they visit the islands between Australia and Van Diemens land, to prevent them claiming any part for France?.

MRS. ELIZABETH ROUSE: Mr. Grimes, I believe you were at Norfolk Island with Lt, Governor King, when the Spanish expedition of two ships with Alessandro Malaspina as Commodore, visited Sydney in March to April in 1793. Were you aware that the Spanish had visited Sydney Commodore Baudin? And that many of the people at this party were here when the Spanish were honored, just like they are honoring you today

MRS. MACARTHUR: You Commodore actually sailed in many of the areas that Captain Cook, Comte La Perouse and Alessandro Malaspina sailed and mapped, before calling in here to Sydney.

MRS. ELIZABETH ROUSE: Good luck in the remaining part of your Expedition Commodore Baudin.

THE FUTURE of SOME of the HISTORICAL PEOPLE DEPICTED

- William Dampier, sailed around the world 3 times. He was on the ship that marooned Alexander Selkirk (Robinson Crusoe) ashore on an island. On his second voyage around the world, Alexander Selkirk was picked up from the island. Daniel Defoe's novel is based on this event.
- Captain Cook, only became aware of the discovery of the Islands of Tahiti's existence, 2 weeks before his scheduled departure from Britain to find "somewhere in the Pacific" where the Transit of Venus measurements could take place.
- Captain Cook's widow, fare welled the First Fleet from Portsmouth.
- Arthur Philip, fell out of his wheelchair from a second floor window and died.
- When William Paterson died his wife then went to England and married Major Grosse a previous Lt. General.
- King died very poor, but he had arranged with Bligh, for him to set aside a lot of land in NSW, to which Josephina King returned to 20 years later. She remarked how little Mrs. Macarthur had changed.

- Alessandro Malaspino was an Italian working as a Spanish Naval Captain. His career was helped by a Chilean Naval Admiral whose name was Ambrosia O'Higgins, a man of Irish extraction.
- Louis Freycinet re-visited Sydney in 18xx as Commander of another French Scientific Expedition. His wife Rose stowed away on board to accompany him.
- Hyacinth Du Bougainville, when a Baron, revisited Sydney in 1825. MacArthur gave him 2 sheep from his Camden property. The sheep died on route to France.
- Bishop became ill and could not sail with George Bass to South America. He later died insane.
- Peron did draft a secret memo, to French bureaucrats to enlist the aid of Irish convicts and take over Sydney for the French.