Request for the building of a Benevolent Society, 1820

A request to Macquarie for "...a plain Building be erected thereon for the accommodation of such Aged, Infirm, Blind, or Destitute persons as the Benevolent Society shall propose..." NRS 897 [4/1744, page 255-256; Reel 6049]

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To His Excellency, Governor Macquarie,

Etc etc etc

May it please Your Excellency,

We, the undersigned, a Deputation from the General Committee of the Benevolent Society of New South Wales, are appointed to wait up Your Excellency on behalf of the Aged and Infirm, the Blind and Destitute, and, from Your Excellency's humanity and benevolence, up so many former occasions expressed and manifested, we are emboldened to approach with confidence, and beg leave to State that, several of our needy and suffering
fellow creatures necessarily incur a very consider-
able and increasing weekly expence to the Society
for Lodgings in different parts of the Town of
Sydney, even while those Lodgings in many cases
do subject the poor and helpless persons to much
inconvenience and certain privations, as also do
expose them to various evils, and not infrequently

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on account of situation, debar them from the privileges
of religious instruction and consolidation, and from rightly
attending to the most important duty befitting their
condition of preparing to meet their God on leaving
this world:-

We, therefore, do most humbly solicit Your
Excellency's kind and favourable consideration on this
Matter, and with all Deference desire to suggest
and recommend that, at a moderate distance out
of the Town, a suitable spot of ground be ap
propriated and a plain Building be erected thereon
for the accommodation of such Aged, Infirm, Blind,
or Destitute persons as the Benevolent Society shall
propose and Your Excellency, the Governor and Patron
shall approve, in order that they may be placed under
proper Superintendence and be regularly visited by a
Clergyman to perform with them the edifying
and comforting Offices of Devotion.

William Cowper
Richard Hill
Walter Lawry

Sydney 13 April 1820