

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 embold-
ened to approach with confidence, and beg leave
to State that, several of our needy and suffering

fellow creatures necessarily incur a very considerable 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 appropriated 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 Superintendance 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