Offer of 300 merino rams from John Macarthur

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To 4368 acres

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Government House
Sydney 2nd March 1820

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated yesterday on the subject of the 300 young Rams of the merino blood tendered by you to Government for the purpose of being sent to improve the breed of sheep at Van Diemens Land; and as you have agreed to receive payment for them in Land at the rate of seven shillings and sixpence
per acre, I agree, on the part of Government
to purchase the three hundred Rams in
question at the rate of five guineas for each.

I therefore request you will order
them to be sent to Sydney forthwith in order
that they may be embarked on the Ship
Eliza now under Dispatch for Van

Diemens
Diemens Land.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most Obed' Serv'

(signed) L Macquarie

To

Jnº Macarthur Esqº

Parramatta