CLARK, Matthew

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Trial (place, date)

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Assignment

With Alexander McLeod, May 1824 (see Col Sec)
To JP Webber [Tocal] from the ‘Newcastle establishment’, 4 October 1824 (see Col Sec).

Note: In the absence of any further recorded offences or re-assignment, he very likely remained at Tocal until he received his COF in 1825.

At Tocal: 1824/25 Tocal occupation:

Freedom (year, details)

C.O.F. 071/3554, 9 April 1825, 4/4423 [reel 601]

Colonial crime & secondary punishment

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<td>Neglect of work, insolence</td>
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<td>Alexander McLeod</td>
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Sources: see Col Sec and ‘other’ below

Colonial Secretary’s correspondence

1822 Jan 10 On list of prisoners transported to Newcastle per "Elizabeth Henrietta" 10 January 1822, sentenced by the Bringelly Bench on 26 December 1821 to “Rem Sentences Port Macquarie” (Reel 6008; 4/3504A p.268) [was sent to Newcastle initially at least]

1824 May On monthly return of prisoners punished at Newcastle (Reel 6023; 4/1718 p.183).
In service of Alexander McLeod, 25 lashes ordered by Commandant for neglect of work and insolence to his master

1824 Oct 4 On monthly return of convicts assigned in the Counties of Northumberland and Durham; to JP Webber from Government, the Newcastle establishment, @5/6d [3/6d?]. (Reel 6028; 2/8283 p.95). Note: another entry on page for a different convict has 3/6 75 wheat – this is probably 75 bus wheat in lieu of cash payment.
## General information

Research on Tocal’s convicts was undertaken by Brian Walsh. Please do not email or upload this document without acknowledgement.

For further information see the book *Voices from Tocal – Convict Life on a Rural Estate* by Brian Walsh, available from www.tocal.com

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### Colonial marriage

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<td>Transported to Newcastle</td>
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<td>1824</td>
<td>Assigned to McLeod and then Webber [Tocal]</td>
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<td>1825</td>
<td>COF</td>
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### Other (source, details)

- Absconded from boats, SG 23 September 1820
- Absconded from Longbottom, SG 20 Oct 1821 p1

Note 1: the above newspaper reports refer to Matthew Clark(e) with no ship given. There is only Matthew Clark, convict to PJ, but two Matthew Clarke’s – one in 1810 and the other in 1815, both 7 year sentences. Neither has any offences mentioned in Col Sec indexes. Given this, and the fact that Matthew Clark (Lord Sidmouth) received a sentence of secondary transportation to Newcastle in January 1822, it is likely the above reports refer to him.

Note 2: Longbottom was a Government-run agricultural farm established in 1819. The present day Concord Oval, Sydney, is on part of the farm.

### Keywords

- Newcastle, lashes