

Susannah and Henry Kable and the Lost Parcel

Source Document Analysis

Reverend Johnson Letter

	Port Jackson, in the county of Cum New South	
	New South	
Under Secretary Nepean	July 12	cre rio
Hon'd Sir		
You may remember, sir, a circ public a little before our leaving	cumstance which greatly interested t g England.	the
and Henry, which, with a child,	h gaoler and two convicts, Susannah were removed from Norwich gaol to ted on board one of the transports	
These two persons I married soo	on after our arrival here.	
collected the sum of £20, and lo	e contribution for these two persons, aid this out in various articles, at the elivered to them upon our arrival he	e sam
Unfortunately, these have not b	een found.	
	ught before the Civil Court here, whe oor ag'st the captain of the Alexande	
	on and action has been brought to ee so because the public seemed to be fare.	,
The child is still living – of a we	eakly constitution, but a fine boy.	
Rev Richard Johnson		

Historical Records of New South Wales Volume 1 Part 2 (1783-1792).

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The Charge Brought to Court

Sydney	y Cove	To David Collins Esq
0 0		Judge-Advocate in and for the Territory.
J	of Cumberland, to wet,	of New South Wales
Whereo	as Henry Cable and his we	fe, chew Settlers of the place, had before they
left Er	ngland a Certain parcel sh	ipped on Board the Alexander Transport,
Bunco	n Sinclair Master, Consi	thing of Cloaths and several other Articles
suitabl	le for their present Situa	tion, which were collected and bought at the
Expens	ce of many charitable disp	osed Persons for the use of the said Henry
Cable,	his wife and Child-	, ,
		to least actions to the state of the state of
	applications has been n	nade for the express purpose of obtaining the
		the Mexander now lying at the port, and that
o h	e effect (saire and except)	a small part of the said parcel containing a
+100	ooks- The residue and rem	ainder, which is of a more Considerable Value
t o	emains on 130ard the said	Shep Alexander, the Marter of which, seems
		using the same to be Delivered, to its respective
owners	s as aforesaid.	
Henry	Cable and Susannah Cabl	e his wife most humbly prays you will be
pleaseo	d forthwith to Cause the sa	red Duncan Senclair, Master of the Alexander
		show Cause why the Remaining Parcel is not
duly a	nd Truly delivered in that	ample and beneficial a manner as is Customary
in the c	delivering of Goods-And	also humb'y prays you will on Default of the ake and use such Lawful and Legal means for
Parcel	not being forthcoming to	ake and use such Lawful and Legal means for
the rec	covery or value thereof, i	as your Honour shall think most expedient.
	4	the said Henry Cable and Susannah Cable
		ey of July in the year of our Lord 1788.
	Susannah Cable X	Henry Cable 7

With the		

Cable v Sinclair [1788] NSW KR 7, Court of Civil Jurisdiction Proceeding.

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	document?		

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	occupation of a person is usually
	written after his or her name. In
	this document, the occupation of
	Henry is crossed out. What
	should have been written for
	Henry?
5.	Why would the writer of the
	document have not recorded a
	correct description of Henry's
	occupation?
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6.	Who was named in the document
	to appear before the Court to
	explain what happened to the lost
	parcel? What was his occupation?
	parcer. Triac riac riic cecapacieri.
7.	Susannah and Henry signed their
	name with an X. Why would they
	have done that?

8.	What help would Henry and	Restitution	
	Susannah have needed in		
	preparing this document?		
		Affidavit	
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9.	In this document, what were		
	Henry and Susannah asking the Ship's Master to do?	11.Finish this s words:	entence in your own
	•	In this char	ge brought to court,
			Susannah were
		•	
10	.Define the following words from		
	the document:		
	Summoned		
		12.A key princi	ple of the legal
		system is th	nat all people should
		be treated e	equally by the law and
		receive equ	al protection from the
		law. How do	es this document
	Show Cause	show that S	usannah and Henry
		were treate	d equally by the law?