

Department of Agriculture—Archives.

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are connected with the prosperity of the island, will, therefore, do all in his power for its prosperity and the advancement of the coal mines, as one source of it. The ill chosen site of Sydney, on which he had remonstrated when it was laid out; how the plan of building a city there failed. The bad policy of indiscriminate granting of town lots instead of farms.

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