

party over with orders to affix a plate of copper on a tree near the place, with the following inscription on it, which is a copy of what was written on the board :

*Hic jacet L. RECEVEUR,
E. F. F. ministrus Gallie, Sacerdos. Phy-
sicus, in circumnavigatione mundi,
Duce De-La Perouse. Obiit
die 27^o Februarii, anni
1788.*

This mark of respectful attention was more particularly due, from M. De Perouse having when at Kamtschatka paid a similar tribute of gratitude to the memory of Captain Clarke, whose tomb was found in nearly as ruinous a state as that of the Abbé.

Like ourselves, the French found it necessary, more than once to chastise a spirit of rapine and intrusion which prevailed among the Indians around the Bay. The menace of pointing a musket to them was frequently used; and in one or two instances it was fired off, though without being attended with any fatal consequences. Indeed the French commandant, both from a regard to the orders of his Court as well as to our quiet and security, shewed a moderation and forbearance on this head highly becoming.

On the 20th of March the Supply arrived from Norfolk Island, after having safely landed Lieut. King and his little garrison. The pine trees growing there are described to be of a growth and height superior, perhaps, to any in the world; but the difficulty of bringing them away, will not be easily surmounted, from the badness and danger of the landing place. After the most exact search, not a single plant of the New-Zealand flax could be found, though we had been taught to believe it abounded there.

Lieutenant Ball, in returning to Port Jackson, touched at a small island in latitude $31^{\circ} 36''$ south longitude $159^{\circ} 4''$ east of Greenwich, which he had been fortunate enough to discover on his passage to Norfolk Island, and to which he gave the name of Lord Howe's Island. It is entirely without inhabitants, or traces of any having ever been there; but it happily abounds in what will be infinitely more important to the settlers of New South Wales; green turtle of the finest kind frequent in the summer season. Of this Mr. Ball gave us some very handsome and acceptable specimens on his return. Beside turtle, the island is well stocked with birds, many of them so rare as to be knocked down by the seamen with shot. At the distance of four leagues from Lord Howe's Island, and in latitude

$31^{\circ} 30'$ south longitude $159^{\circ} 8'$ east, stands a remarkable rock, of considerable height, to which Mr. Ball gave the name of Ball's Pyramid, from the shape it bears.

While the Supply was absent, Governor Philip made an excursion to Broken Bay, a few leagues to the northward of Port Jackson, in order to explore it. As a harbour it almost equals the latter, but the adjacent country was found so rocky and bare, as to preclude all possibility of turning it to account. Some rivulets of fresh water fall into the Bay, forming a very picturesque scene. The Indians who live on the banks are numerous, and behaved attentively in a variety of instances while our people remained among them.

As winter was fast approaching, it became necessary to secure ourselves in quarters, which might shield us from the cold we were taught to expect in this hemisphere though in so low a latitude. The erection of barracks for the soldiers was projected; and the private men of each company undertook to build for themselves two wooden houses, of sixty eight feet in length, and twenty three in breadth. To forward this several saw pits were immediately set to work, and four ship carpenters attached to the battalion, for the purpose of directing and completing the necessary undertaking. In prosecuting it, however, so many difficulties occurred, that we were fain to circumscribe our original intentions; and instead of eight houses content ourselves with four; and even these, from the badness of the timber, the scarcity of artificers, and other impediments, are, on the day which I write, so little advanced, that it will be well, if at the close of the year 1788, we shall be established in them. In the mean-while the married people, by proceeding on a more contracted scale, were soon under comfortable shelter. Nor were the convicts forgotten; and as leisure was frequently afforded them for the purpose, little edifices quickly multiplied on the ground allotted them to build upon.

But as these habitations were intended by Governor Philip to answer only the exigency of the moment, the plan of the town was drawn, and the ground on which it is hereafter to stand surveyed, and marked out. To proceed on a narrow, confined scale, in a country of the extensive limits we possess, would be unpardonable; extent of empire demands grandeur of design. That this has been our view will be readily believed, when I tell the reader, that the principal street in our projected city will be, when completed, agreeable to the plan laid down, two hun-