their approval and sympathy in a substantial and practical manner
with Mr. B. Rixon and his companions.

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Recovery of Mr. Quin.—We are glad to observe that a requisition
is in course of signature, requesting the Warden to call a public
meeting to consider the propriety of presenting some suitable testi-
mony or reward to Mr. B. Rixon and his companions, for their efforts
in effecting the recovery of Mr. Quin. This is as it should be, and we
have no doubt but that the public will meet the call as promptly as
it deserves. It is proposed that the meeting be held in Mr. Johnson’s
large room, at the Brighton Hotel, on Monday next, at a convenient
hour.

"Illawarra Mercury," April 20, 1857.

EXCURSION TO ST. GEORGE AREA

The Society excursion to the St. George area will take place on
Sunday, 5th June.

The bus will leave Cross Roads, West Wollongong, at 9 a.m. and
travel via Crown, Kembla and Bourke Streets, Princes Highway and
Bulli Pass.

Fares (bus only) will be $6.50 for adults and $3.00 for children.

We will be met by Mr. Arthur Ellis, a member of the St. George
Historical Society, who will take us to Lydham Hall. Admission 50c.

Following a picnic lunch in Carss Park we will visit Carss Cot-
tage, occupied by the Kogarah Historical Society. Admission 30c.

For bookings please phone Mrs. McCarthy (29-8225) or book
at the June meeting.

DR. ELLIS, BOTANIST

[Miss Annette Onslow (Member), writes that she has discovered a letter
from William Macarthur to his sister-in-law Emily (Mrs. James Macarthur), dated
1st September, 1854, which makes further reference to "the accomplished
medico."]

William Macarthur writes about the rain-forest brush near Wol-
longong and Jambrero, where he was identifying and collecting
plants, and says: "I have not got on so fast as I might have done for
want of 'Dr. Ellis' who has been ill, or is ill, and has not joined me."

He goes on to write of one particular brush where he had been
on an earlier expedition with George Macleay when, after collecting
twenty-three species of plants, they thought they had exhausted it.
"This time," he says, "with the aid of an opera glass, I have been
able to find 12 fresh species not before got . . . besides these we
have got much finer specimens of a good many we had before—but
I sadly miss 'Dr. Ellis' who could give me the aboriginal names for
almost every tree."

[Dr. Ellis has figured in the Bulletin before (in May 1976, and, less favour-
ably, in October 1981). Major E. H. Weston in his reminiscences said "Dr. Ellis,
a pure-blooded aboriginal . . . had received a good education, and was the most
intelligent and polished native I ever met."]