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TO THE EDITORS OF THE SYDNEY HERALD.

Gentlemen, I will thank you to insert the following in your paper, trusting it may meet the eyes of the Colonial Government, and induce them to do justice to this long neglected district.

The district of Illawarra, lying within 35 miles of the town of Sydney, can now only be approached by a circuitous route of about 70 miles, and then only on foot or horseback; there is no public road even marked in the district, or through it — the inconvenience, annoyance, and litigation this causes to the inhabitants, you will easily conceive.

Was this the whole of our complaints, we might live in hopes, as this is a passive evil; but the next great cause of complaint is a positive one. The total neglect of our harbour, or rather bight, which, by the continued practice of throwing in the ballast, is in a fair way of being rendered useless. Were the vessels that frequent this harbour employed in the service of the Settler it would be some palliative for so serious an evil — but when I inform you that most of the vessels that here are employed in the conveying of cedar from the Government lands (rendering this land of no value), and encouraging bush-ranging, cattle-stealing, and all the various evils attending a set of lawless people, who live in the bush, without any permanent place of residence. By this system, the Revenue has been defrauded of more than £100,000 (a large sum you will say), the thing will prove itself; the stumps of the trees remaining is one of these positive facts, which no sophistry can overcome. I have, in fact, much under-rated the actual amount — and this is to enrich the publicans of Sydney, and the sly grog-shops here; had