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WRECK OF SCHOONER “REAPER” AT BELLAMBI

“We regret to record the loss of the ‘Reaper’ in Bellambi harbour on Sunday morning last, about 9 a.m. It appears that the unfortunate vessel sailed from the Nankuckerra, a branch of the Tweed, laden with 20,000 feet of cedar for Sydney, but being totally unable to distinguish the Sydney lighthouse or the entrance to Port Jackson, she reached Bellambi on the above morning and was driven at once on the beach, a little to the west of Taylor and Walker’s jetty, where she now lies broadside on, the sea breaking over her at high tide. When she first entered the harbour she was steering for a point between the two jetties, but M. De Flon motioned her to take a more westerly course. Immediately on her striking, a rope was sent ashore by means of which the crew escaped. At low water she lies high and dry, and the crew have been enabled to save the cargo as also the greater part of the ship’s fittings. Up to Monday morning she had not received any great damage with the exception that a portion of her copper was torn off; but should the present high seas continue, of which there appears every probability, it is very possible she may receive greater injury.”

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