

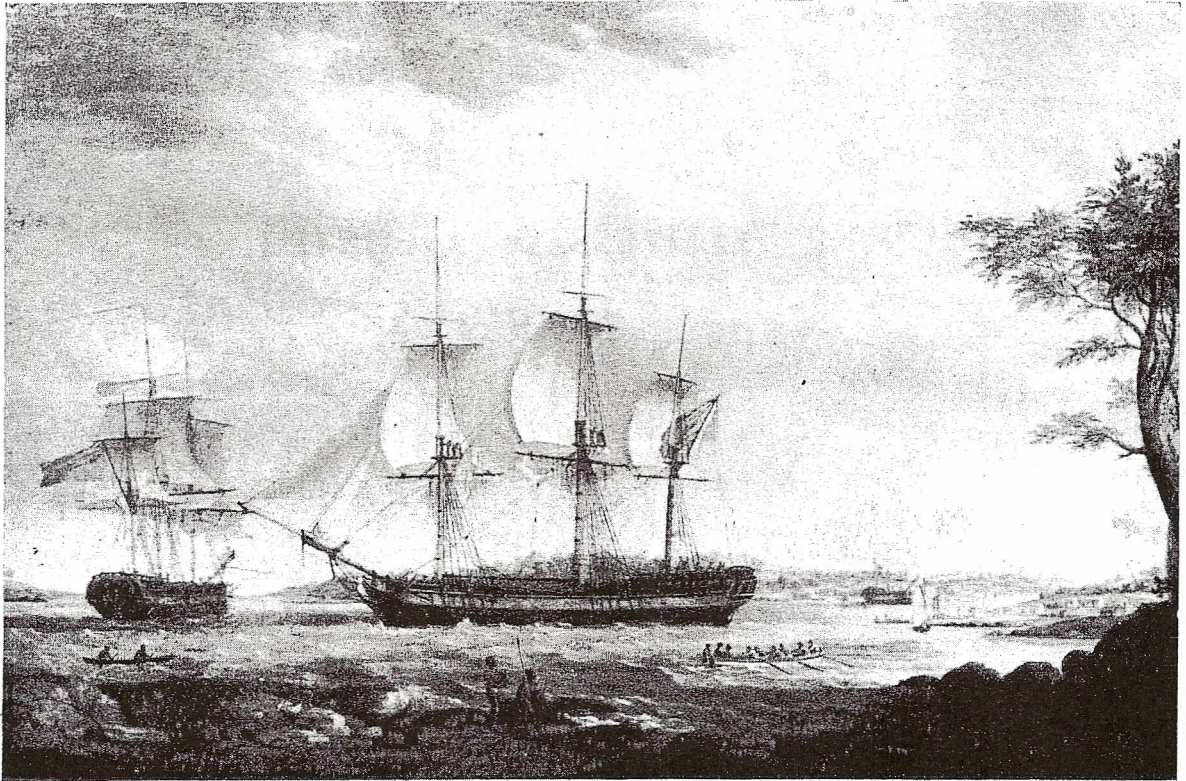
# **Shipping Arrivals & Departures**

## **Sydney, 1788-1825**

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Thomas Whitcombe, 1798

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### Departure of the whaler *Britannia* from Sydney Cove, 1798

On October 7, 1798 the ships *Britannia* and *Semiramis*, the brig *Nautilus*, the schooner *Argo*, and the sloop *Norfolk* sailed from Sydney. HMS *Reliance* remained in Sydney Cove. The ship in the centre of the picture is flying a British flag.

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 MaryM (19.5.18)-H; 1.7H; 27.7H -20.10PtSt; 14.11H; 12.12.1818N.  
 SupplyM 30.6.21F  
 AbigailM 15.2.96RhodeI  
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 Cumberland Bl.11.11.  
 NorthamptonO 17.6.15Lon  
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 EndeavourM NSWAlmanack1813. See Tennison, G.  
 LadyNelsonP&Sons (22.12.05)-NZ; CommerceP 10.7.08BofIs.  
 CyprusM 14.5.25Eng,IF  
 LordLiverpoolM 27.10.24PtDal.  
 GovMacquarieM (12.12.24)-HobTn; 12.3.25HobTn  
 Also Tompkins/Thom(p)kins.  
 SpeedwellM (21.6.24)-N.  
 JohnBullM (23.4.23)-PtDal; GovMacquarieM (12.3.25)-HobTn. See  
 QueenCharlotteM 11.10.16MarqsIs. See Powell. Tomkins, Thompkins  
 IndependenceM (28.6.04)-China; 21.4.05Norfolk  
 NeptuneM 28.6.90Ptsmth  
 StAntonioO 2.5.21Calc,Derwt; GovFarquharM 5.5.21Mauritius,HTn.  
 SusanM 19.4.96RhodeI  
 CarolineM 22.12.01Boston  
 NereusM 1.10.24PtDal \*See Introduction p7.  
 BritanniaM 18\*7.98Eng; 3.11.99F; 26.3.01Lon; 19.10.01Coast,F;  
 12.5.02F; AdonisM 25.8.04F,NZ,NI; IndispensibleM 16.9.07F.  
 MargaretO 7.2.01CGH; 18.2.02CoastPeru.  
 FlyM 1.1.02Bombay  
 HappyReturnM NSWAlmanack1813.  
 MaryO 9.4.16Calc; 5.6.17Calc; 14.7.18Calc.  
 NorthamptonM 17.6.15Lon  
 ThymneO 11.1.00Calc.  
 See Payne&Tyr(c)e: ArgoO 22.12.13IF.  
 See James Herd: ProvidenceM 7.1.22Eng  
 BoatO 21.5.01Wrecked. ContestO LMay04.  
 Endeavour 8.3.03BassStr. See Kable & Underwood.  
 SydneyCoveP (18.6.07)-Lon; KingGeorgePartO Bl.8.11. Intro.p8.  
 SydneyCoveP 18.6.07Lon  
 MaryAnnP (14.1.10)-Calc. CampbellMacquarieP 3.3.11Calc;  
 (17.1.12)-Campbell,MacqIs. To relieve gangs of House of Underwood  
 ElizaO 18.5.11H.Wrecked.  
 Eliz&MaryO (28.6.12)-MacqI; NSWAlmanack1813,1814; 17.12.14MacqI;  
 ArchdukeCharlesP (16.2.13)-Calc; CampbellMacquarieP 30.6.14Calc.  
 BetseyO (21.10.14)-MacqI.Abandoned offNZ. SydneyPacketP(21.3.15)  
 -Lon. HarriettOS 11.5.17Lon,Rio.  
 KingGeorgePartO Bl.8.11;NSWAlmk1813,1814;(3.3.15)-SSeaIs;15.12.15  
 MarqsIs;2.12.16EastnIs;7.12.17MarqsIs;31.5.19EastnIs.  
 Eliz&MaryO 17.12.14MacqI; 2.3.15MacqI; 23.6.15Camp,MacqIs;  
 27.2.16N; 20.5.16MacqI; 16.9.16AtSea; 21.1.17MacqI; 1.9.17MacqI;  
 1.10.17MacqI; 25.11.17MacqI; 10.2.18MacqI; 13.7.18MacqI; 21.12.18  
 MacqI; 2.5.19NZ;MacqI; 31.10.19MacqI  
 CampbellMacquarieO (4.3.15)-Calc; (9.2.18)-MacqI; 13.12.19MacqI  
 SurryP&eldest sonRichard (21.4.19)-Lon.. MidasM&O/O 14.2.21Lon;  
 3.8.21MacqI,HTn; 23.1.22MacqI; 17.9.22IF; 31.5.23IF; 6.2.24MacqI  
 Eliz&MaryO 27.1.20NZ; 10.5.20MacqI; 30.6.21PtSt; -28.2.22MacqI;  
 4.9.22MacqI;30.9.22N;18.10.22N;18.12.22Derwt;25.3.23MacqI;  
 2.10.23CampI;15.3.24CampI;25.11.24SF.  
 StMichaelO -11.6.22Tonga. HeroineC 14.10.22Lon.  
 WellingtonO (19.12.22)-MacqI;21.9.23NZ,SaundersI;3.4.24NZSF;  
 9.3.25NZ;18.9.25MacqI. PerseveranceO -15.9.23MacI; 30.10.23M.I  
 6.6.24KangI; 23.2.25SF.  
 SeringapatamAgent 30.6.14 Marqs Is.

# Guide to Keys and Abbreviations

.0	Inwards. In lists of Colonial vessels a date other than a date of arrival.	0	<u>Sydney Gazette</u> and Naval Officer
		0,0.	<u>Sydney Gazette</u> and <u>NSW Almanack</u> .
-0	Outwards.	.0.	<u>Sydney Gazette</u> , <u>NSW Almanack</u> and
0	Before 1802: Collins(see p.3).		Naval Officer's Quarterly Report.
	After 1801: <u>Sydney Gazette</u> .	*	<u>NSW Almanack</u> ; Maiden voyage; or
0	Before 1821: <u>NSW Pocket Almanack</u>		footnote.
	After 1820: <u>Australasian</u> " "	**	Footnote or note on same page.
0,On	Naval Officer's Quarterly Report.	#	A list appears in the Naval Officer's
Oh	" " " " (1804-10)		Quarterly Report.
0	Muster Rolls		

a	Admiralty	H	Hawkesbury, Hook	Pass	Passengers
Am	America, American	h, HRA	<u>Historical Records of</u>	pk	pork
B	Bateson, C., <u>The Convict</u>		<u>Australia</u>	Pris	prisoners
B	Bond; Bay/ <u>Ships</u> .	hhd	hogshead	Pt	Port
b	Bowden, K.M., <u>George Bass</u>	HIRM	His Imperial Russian	PtD	Pt Dalrymple
	Bales; bushels; barley		Majesty	PtDal	" "
b.	ballast	HM	His Majesty's	PtSt	Pt Stephens
b's	barrels	HR	Hunter's River	pte	private
bb	bushels of barley				
Bi, BR	Bigge, J.T., Report of	I.	Island	R	Registered; River
	the Commissioner, 1822.	IF	Isle of France	r	Ship's Register
bl	black	Is.	Islands	Rio	Rio de Janeiro
bm	bushels of maize				
bo	bushels of oats	K	Journal of Lieut. P.G.	S	Supercargo
B.Str	Bass's Straits		King, R.N. (Bateson)	s	seal/
bw	bushels of wheat	k, kang	kangaroo	sett	settlers*
c	about; Colonial	K&H	Kable and Underwood	SCt	Supreme Court
Cal	Calcutta	Ke	Kendall	SF	Seal fishery
Camp	Campbell	L	Launched	SG	<u>Sydney Gazette</u>
CGH	Cape of Good Hope	Lon	London	Sch	Schooner
ch	child			sh	sheep
chn	children	M	Master	sk	skins
Col	Colonial; Colonel	m	Muster roll; male; maize	Sn	Southern
conv	convicts	Macq	Macquarie I		
		mil	military	SocIs	Society Islands
d	Dakin, W.J., <u>Whalemen</u>	N	Newcastle	sp	sperm
	<u>Adventurers</u>	n	Naval Officer's Quarter-Step	Stevens	
Det	Detachment		ly Reports (originals	v	
do.	ditto		or reprinted in HRA)		Vancouver, G. Voyage of Discovery
		N.I.	Norfolk I.		in the N. Pacific Ocean and around
el	elephant	N'wd	Northward		the world.
F	Fishery	NY	New York	t	tons (Clune&Stephensen,
f	female; fur	NZ	New Zealand	v	vessel; - ( <u>Viking of VDLand</u> ).
fishy	fishery			val	valuable
Fr	France	O	Owner	VDL	Van Diemen's Land
ft	feet	Otah	Otaheite	vy	very
				w	Historical Records of
g	gallons	p	Stockdale, J.A <u>Voyage of</u>		New South Wales; wheat
gen	general		<u>Gov. Phillip to Botany</u>	wh	whale
			<u>Bay, 1789.</u>		

x incorrect.

Dates in figures are given in the following order: Day, Month, Year



Salamander were already seeking whales. Soon afterwards all five vessels left for the eastern Pacific.

About this time Samuel Enderby and Sons, under the auspices and direction of the Lords of the Admiralty sent Lieut. Colnett, R.N., in the whale-ship Rattler, to the Pacific Ocean. There he found great numbers of sperm whales at the Galapagos Islands, which are situated on the equator. In 1793 the Northern Pacific, to the east of 180° was opened to the vessels of the Southern Whale Fishery.

On 15 May 1792 the Right Hon. Henry Dundas wrote to Governor Phillip: "The quantity of spermaceti whales found on the coast may eventually become an object of great consequence to the settlement, and be a means of extending the communication betwixt it and this country (as well as others) much beyond that necessary degree thereof which attains at present. It may, therefore, in future become expedient to make such local regulations as to the admission of certain commodities, such as spirits, &c., as may be found requisite, but for the present, I should apprehend that the port orders, carefully executed, will be sufficient."  
(HRAI.1.354)

In a letter written in November 1797, Samuel Enderby and Sons said:

"The Pacific Ocean abounding with spermaceti whales all adventurers who can afford to venture the risque of so large a speculation send their vessels into those seas, where we consider them safer from the enemy (France and Spain) than in any other part of the Ocean where sperm whales are found. It is impossible a vessel can go there and return without going into some port to refresh . . ."

\* The writers, who had a vessel almost ready to sail for the fishery, therefore sought a contract to carry female convicts to New South Wales, where they proposed to give the fishery on that coast a fair trial. If they did not succeed they would then go to the coast of Peru where they would finally refresh before returning to London. (Dakin, p.18). The vessel referred to was the Britannia, 301 tons, commanded by Robert Turnbull.

In 1798, by the Statute 38 Geo III, c.57, the waters open to the whalers of the Southern Whale Fishery were extended to include all the seas seas lying between 51°E and 180° to the south of 15° south latitude. This opened the Australian and New Zealand waters to British whaling vessels.

\* The Britannia duly reached Sydney on 18 July 1798 with 94 female convicts. In the same month the Cornwall, Eliza and Sally, Southern Whalers, all called at Sydney to refit, as did the Pomona and Diana in August. Sydney had become a regular port of call for whaling vessels.

The readiness of the convict population to put to sea for distant parts in almost anything that would float eventually made it necessary for Governor Hunter to issue, on 9 October 1797,\* an order strictly forbidding the building of any boats whatsoever for the use of private persons, and requiring all those already in existence to be registered and to be properly secured or laid up each night. However the wrecking of the Sydney Cove on Preservation Island in Bass Strait in the previous February led to the discovery of large rookeries of fur seals in Bass Strait and of elephant seals on King Island. (\*HRAI.2.203)

An order of 7 August 1803 required all boats to be registered.

(HRAI.4.328)