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YOUNG MEN aboard the Neptune who  
would find a large place in New South  
Wales history. One of these men had a  
new rank and was a touch bumptious  
about it. He was John Macarthur, a little  
over twenty years of age, and a

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lieutenant in the 102nd Regiment, the newly created New ...

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New South Wales really began. The  
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decks to be landed on 6 February. On  
Lady Penrhyn, Surgeon Bowes Smyth  
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