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Sydney Gazette Index 1803-1807

This dataset is adapted from the index to *The Sydney Gazette*, Australia's first newspaper, published in Sydney from 1803 by George Howe with authority from Governor Philip Gidley King. The paper was operated as both an organ for public notices and to provide local and overseas news to colonists.

The newspaper continued to operate until 1842. From 1832 the *New South Wales Government Gazette* was published separately, and the *Sydney Gazette* continued as a privately owned newspaper.

Between 1963 and 1973 bound hard copy facsimile editions of the newspaper from the years 1803-1811 were published as *Sydney gazette and New South Wales advertiser* by the Trustees of the Public Library of New South Wales, the Roebuck Society and the William Dixon Foundation. An index was compiled for each of these volumes.

A digitized version of the newspaper as originally published is available free online in Australian newspapers beta: historic Australian newspapers, 1803-1954, digitised by the National Library of Australia as part of the Australian Newspapers Digitisation Program at this location: www.trove.nla.gov.au/newspaper/.

The BDA index for the years 1803-1807 has been edited and adapted by Malcolm Sainty from the indexes to the first four volumes of the facsimile editions:

- v.1. March 5, 1803 to February 26, 1804
- v. 2. March 4, 1804 to February 24, 1805
- v. 3. March 3, 1805 to March 9, 1806
- v. 4 & 5. March 16, 1806 to August 30, 1807.

This dataset indexes names followed by a brief description of the nature of the news item or notice mentioning the individual giving date, page and column number (column a, b or c). There are references to births, marriages, deaths, crime, litigation, accidents, insolvency, executions, convicts, free persons, Aboriginal people, sailors, military personnel, women and children, including persons arriving in and departing from the colony.

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