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Hobart Town

July 23rd 1812

" We have been returned
about two months from a
dangerous and somewhat
perilous journey we made
this autumn to Macquarie
Harbour, an abandoned
penal settlement on the
wild western coasts of this
island, equally inaccessible
by land and water. We
were in some danger of
starvation in this expedition
and still more I think of
being engulfed in the water.
Sir George Gipps writes word

To Sir John that at Sydney
the only difference of
opinion as to our fate was
whether we were starved
or drowned. The greatest
excitement had begun to
prevail here in our Metro-
polis - and throughout the
colony, a great deal of
good feeling was elicited,
and most enterprising
enterprises about to be
undertaken - some even
by officers of the government
for our rescue.

I believe some details have
been given in former letters
and if not, you will one
day have the pleasure of

reading it all in print,
from the pen of one of our
travelling companions,
Mr- David Bacon, ^{BORN} a settler
of this Colony -"

Account of
Sir John & Lady Franklin's journey
to Macquarie Harbour -

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