

and now i will relate how i first came across  
 Mr John Price another remarkable man in the  
 history of both Colonies. it was on the day of the  
 Regatta 2 Dec 1841. I was strolling about the  
 grounds close to the waters edge. when i saw  
 a gentleman running at the top of his speed  
 and jump into a whale boat lying at the beach  
 manned by a crew of four men. they shoved  
 the boat off a few yards into deep water and  
 then stop'd. by this there was a rush of a number  
 of men running for the other but he was safe  
 when they found they couldnt get at him, they  
 commenced hooting and Threatening him. and  
 he stood up in the boat and Challenged them  
 all round. if they would give him fair play  
 he would come on shore and fight them  
 Man for Man. and he was Police Magistrate  
 of Hobart at that time. I found out afterward  
 that these were all ticket of leave men. and  
 Price had issued a Proclamation prohibiting  
 them from going to the Regatta. whether he had  
 authority to do so i dont know. but i suppose  
 they knew, for when attempted to make them  
 leave the ground, they Mobbed him. and had  
 he not got into the Boat as he did. they would  
 have treated <sup>him</sup> very roughly and perhaps saved  
 those men at Williamstown the Crime of Murder  
 Price at this <sup>time</sup> resided on the opposite <sup>side</sup> of the  
 River Derwent. and kept the Boat and crew to  
 come backwards and forwards to Hobart  
 I have written these short sketches because one was of  
 World wide Renown and the other was also well  
 known in both Colonies