Phillip and a group of officers go ashore in a boat. They meet a group of Aboriginals who are amused by their appearance. The Aboriginals are given a mirror, beads and toys.

In Sydney Cove, a group of Aboriginals wade out into the water to get a better look at the boat. They are friendly and inquisitive. Phillip names Manly Cove after their ‘manly’ behaviour.

A group from the ship explores an inlet. They meet a party of Aboriginals who are puzzled by their clothing and lack of beards. Through sign language and mime they ask if the sailors are male or female.

In Botany Bay, a group of Aboriginals approach some marines and sailors who are felling trees in a sacred area. They express anger at the removal of the trees. They indicate they dislike the soldiers and make signs for them to go away.

The sailors are afraid the Aboriginals may attack so they give a demonstration in pistol shooting.

A group of convicts is cutting rushes in a small inlet. A group of Aboriginals ask for their tools. The convicts refuse and the Aboriginals throw their spears and pelt them with rocks.

Phillip and an exploring party sail around the coast in a small boat. Groups of Aboriginals call out in angry voices as they pass, ‘Warra warra warra’ and wave spears in a threatening way.

Phillip decides to capture an Aboriginal to try and find out why they changed from being friendly to aggressive. A group of marines capture two but one escapes. The other, called Arabanoo, teaches the settlers some Aboriginal customs.