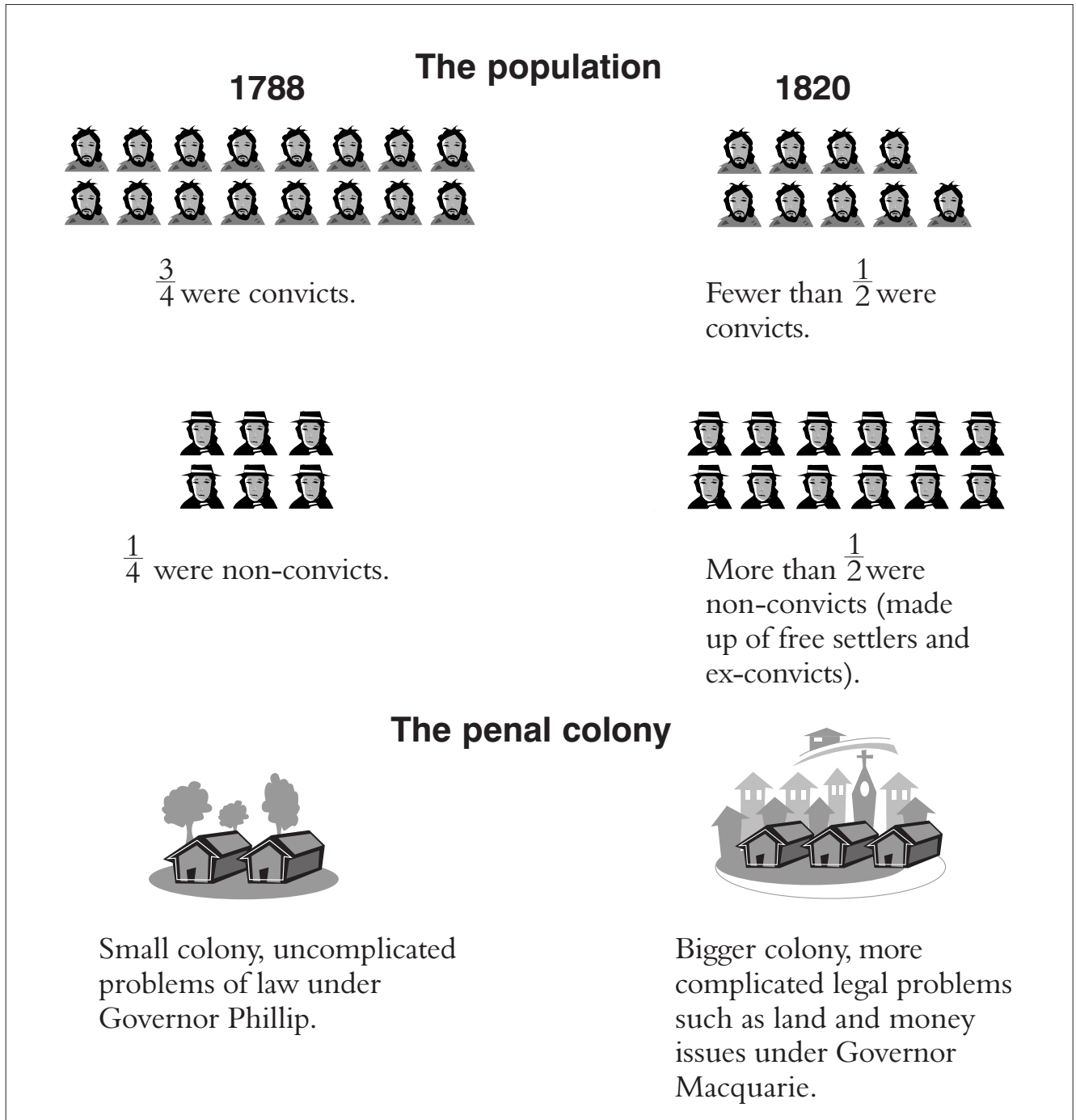


## Population of the colony 1788–1820

In the first 20 or 30 years of the colony different groups of people gradually started to challenge the control of the early governors.

Governor Macquarie took charge of the colony from 1810 to 1821, but the colony was changing:

- More areas were being settled.
- There were more free immigrants.
- There were more ex-convicts.
- By 1820 there were more non-convicts than convicts.



This meant that the colony was changing from a gaol to a colony of free people who wanted more say. Many began to oppose one-man rule.