

observed and suggested - There are Missionaries  
 I understand, actually on the spot, may it not then  
 be understood more naturally and justly as referable  
 to some individual there, especially as the animad-  
version is chiefly directed to the practice of Distillation  
 which is suggested as existing there, and which seems  
 to make the reflection local and determinate. -

I have however used thus much of  
 observation only to acquaint you with the Grounds  
 upon which I at present do not conceive that I  
 should be warranted in preferring a public Indictment  
 in my own Name and Character against the Printer  
 for I beg to inform you, I shall still very readily, if  
 you persist in your purpose and will furnish me  
 with Affidavits of Persons who reading the Letter, will  
 make Oath - on which however I hope they will duly  
 judge - that any part or the whole of it in their  
 Judgment plainly and obviously is directed against  
 and intended to designate yourself, comply with  
 your request of Exhibiting at the Court of Criminal  
 Jurisdiction an Indictment in that respect you  
 may think fit to present. -

I have the honor to be  
 Dear Sir  
 Yours very Obedt Servt.  
 J. W. Hyde  
 Judge Adv. N.S.W.

It is my Intention also to call  
 the attention of His Excellency the Governor to this  
 subject and to transmit a Copy of your Letter to me  
 and my present Answer, as I am satisfied that His  
 Excellency would with myself be desirous of promoting  
 unto less of depending from all obloquy any benevo-  
 lent Exertions or Worthies, who have proved a sincere  
 Intention of introducing civilization and the blessings  
 of pure Religion among the hapless Natives of the  
 Neighbouring Islands. -

I have the Honor to be  
 Dear Sir

To  
 The Rev<sup>d</sup> Saml Marsden  
 Principal Chaplain  
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Yours very Obedt Servt.  
 (signed) J. W. Hyde  
 Judge Adv. N.S.W.