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Correspondence between the Rev. J. Marsden & Judge Adv. Wyld

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(Act^d Dec^r 14/18 by the Hon^{ble} Com^r June 3/18)

Sydney April 23^d 1817

Sir,

It has been the custom, since my residence in this Colony, and I believe from its first establishment, in all criminal cases for the party aggrieved to furnish the Judge Advocate with depositions stating the grounds of the Complaint; Upon these depositions, the Judge Advocate either drew up an information, or allowed the Plaintiff to draw one up, in his name, against the offending party, which information was exhibited by the Judge Advocate before the Criminal Court. In the present case I furnished you with satisfactory depositions charging M^r Geo^r Howe with printing and publishing in the Sydney Gazette, an anonymous letter signed, "Philo Free", containing a libel on my Character, — You declined drawing up an Information upon these depositions, but allowed me to have one prepared myself, and drawn up in your name, which I have now done. I beg also to furnish you with depositions charging M^r Thomas Campbell Esq^r with being the Author and publisher of the said letter, signed "Philo Free". — And have drawn up an information upon these depositions in your name against the said John Thomas Campbell Esq^r. — These informations I now present to you, and request you to exhibit them before the present Criminal Court, in order that they may be filed. — Your answer will very much oblige —

Honored Sir —

Your most Obedient
humble Servant
(Signed) Sam^l Marsden

The Honorable
M^r Judge Advocate Wyld

(A Copy)

Judge Advocate's Office Sydney
Wednesday Evening 23^d April 1817

Dear Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 23^d Inst. delivered personally by yourself this morning, as I was going into the Court of Criminal Jurisdiction