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Court House

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Com. Nov. 11/14.

Wednesday Nov. 10th 1813

The Deposition of John Besant, relative to the loss of
the Panamatta Schooner

Being duly sworn, Deposes, - That he arrived in
March 1812 at the Bay of Islands, in the
King George (a ship belonging to Port Jackson),
that he resided on the Island twelve months
and during his residence there, he received
the following account of the loss of the Panamatta
Schooner -

That the Panamatta Schooner, after leaving
Port Jackson, put into the Bay of Islands
in distress for want of Provision and Water.
The natives supplied them with Pork, Fish,
and Potatoes, as many as the vessel could
stow. After the Schooner had received her
Refreshments, the natives wanted to be paid
for them, The people belonging to the Schooner

threw

threw the natives overboard, and fired at them, and immediately weigh'd Anchor. The Depouent saw three of the natives, who had been wounded with small shot by the crew of the Paramatta Schooner. A heavy Gale of Wind coming on immediately which set into the Harbour, blew the vessel on shore between Cape Brit and Terra's district, where the remains of the wreck laid when the Depouent was at Newzealand last March, after the vessel was wreck'd the natives revenged themselves on the crew for firing at them, and demanding them of their Provisions, and cut them all

off
 "Signed" John + Present
 Mark

Sworn before me the
 day above written

"Signed"
 Samuel Marsden

True Copy
 In Obey

Copy John Barents
separation relative
to the logs of the
Sannawatta Johnson