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Deposition of Mr James Elder. 18

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Court House Paramatta

Friday Nov. 12th 1813

Com. Nov. 14/14

James Elder came this day before me The Reverend
Samuel Marsden one of His Majesty's Justices
of the peace, (and) being duly sworn Deposes
That in the year 1800 he sailed from
England as a Missionary for Otaheite
in the Royal Admiral of 900 Tons commanded
by Mr. Wm. Wilson, The Royal Admiral
had 300 convicts on board for New South
Wales, after leaving the Prisoners at
Port Jackson, the Royal Admiral proceeded
to the coast of New Zealand for Spars
(and) anchored in the mouth of the River
Thames, where she lay at anchor 9
weeks, during this period he saw sev^l
natives defrauded by the Europeans
which brought on quarrels and were
likely to ~~proceed~~ ^{lead} to serious consequences
At this time there was also a Sepul