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26 We have many Enquiries to the Cause of Christ here as well as in other Places. and men of wealth and Power are not easily managed. It requires much Prudence to carry on any Plan for the good of Souls in such a world. But the Lord does overrule the wills and Affections of sinful men in a very surprising way. I see the Great steps of Divine Providence strongly marked in many Circumstances that have happened in these Parts of the world - all tending to make way for the Blessings of the Gospel. - The Attention of those in Authority would not have been awakened to the sufferings of the natives of the South Sea Islands, unless some great Crimes had been committed. Those Crimes will produce the effect. Governor Macquarie assured me that he would write both to the Governor General of India; and also to his Majesty's Ministers, to request that they would not allow any vessel either from <sup>masters</sup> England, or India to these Seas till they had entered into the necessary Bonds for their good Conduct towards the natives - From this you will see that the Infidels will be more secure from the Hand of violence than they could be otherwise -  
I am yours  
Sam. Marsden