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Payment for these Potatoes and Hogs, or else to have the master
 furnished some other way - Judge a Chief from the Bay of
 Islands, also came with me to Port Jackson, to recover pay-
 ment for his baskets of Potatoes which had been taken out
 of his and his Brothers Plantations, before they were ripe, at the
 Point of the market, on my arrival at Port Jackson, finding
 the master in the Harbour who had been guilty of such Theft
 and Cruelty I applied to the Governor to have him brought
 to Justice - A bench of magistrates were assembled, and the natives
 attended to state their Complaints - The Bench objected to examine
 them, as they could not be sworn. I then called upon part of the
 Ships Company - The magistrates said they could not be
 examined because they had quarrelled with the master,
 and set them aside. I then stated the Case to the Judge of our
 Supreme Court, who gave it as his legal opinion, that the
 magistrates were bound to examine my witnesses. I then
 waited upon the Governor again, and told him how I had
 been treated, and complained of the whole Bench, ~~and informed~~
~~him~~ with the Exception of one magistrate - I also informed
 the Governor what was the Opinion of the Judge, which I had
 taken - The Governor said he would send for the Chairman
 and direct that the men I wished to be examined, should give
 their Evidence - Accordingly the Bench were directed to meet
 again - I shall leave you to judge, what I might expect
 from not quietly submitting to the wishes of the Bench -
 However I got, notwithstanding all their opposition, sufficient upon
 Record, to show the Completion of the Examination, and
 the Judge Guilt of the accused. I have applied for a
 Copy of their Proceedings, but have not yet received ~~the~~ it -
 I am not certain they will let me have one - if they do
 I will send it - There will be no possibility of punishing
 murder, or any other Crime committed in these Islands unless