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Rev. Samuel Marsden to Secy.

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Rev J. D. Smith

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I have given an open letter for you to the Rev. B. Wake, as I thought you probably wish to ask him a few questions about this distant part of the world. I am not sorry Mr. V. is leaving the Colony. he has caused much political confusion and dissent. The difference between the Government and him has gone to a very considerable extent, which will be still extended further - I have had my feelings much wounded occasionally by the Governor's conduct, at the same time I have conceived it to be my duty patiently to bear with present evils; and to remonstrate with those in Authority in England, and not to come to an open quarrel with the Governor, at least so far as that I could not live in the Colony - I condemn the Governor's conduct in some instances, towards Mr. V. such as bringing him to a Court-martial - at the same time I think Mr. V. has acted very improperly -