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Government House

Paranatta 15th January 1817.

Sir,

I have the Honor to acknowledge the receipt of your Letter of Yesterdays date, with its several Accompaniments which I have attentively perused and maturely considered.

As it ever has been my sincere wish to promote and support the pious and praiseworthy endeavours of the Missionary Societies at Home and abroad for extending the Blessings of Civilization and Religion to the ignorant Heathen Inhabitants of the South Sea Islands, I very much regret that any thing should have been published in the Sydney Gazette, which could have been considered as reflecting on these benevolent Societies or any respectable Individual belonging to them.

I do therefore lament that the Letter signed "Philos" published in the Sydney Gazette of Saturday the 4th Instant should have got admission into that Paper, owing to the hurry and pressure of much public Business in which the Secretary to Government was on that Day necessarily engaged; but in order to do away completely the least ground of Suspicion that the Publication of the Letter alluded to was sanctioned or approved by me, I have deemed it advisable to Publish a Government and General Order of this date on this Subject, and of which Order I herewith send you a Copy for your own information and that of the Rev^d Mr. Marsden

I have the honor to be
Sir

Your most Obedt Servant
(signed) "L. Macquarie"

To, The Honorable
Mr Judge Adv^t Mylde
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I hereby Certify this to be a true Copy
(signed) "Ju^s Mylde"

Judge Adv^t N. P. W.

A true Copy
Rob^t Cartwright J. P.