

Samuel Marsden, Rob^t Cartwright and John Youl to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt

Parramatta March 27th 1817

Rev^d Sir

Agreeable to your recommendation we purpose to form a Corresponding Committee as soon as the Kangaroo is sailed – In consequence of a Letter from the Right Honourable Lord Teignmouth [sic] to our Governor we are happy to inform you that an auxiliary Bible Society hath been formed here a few days ago, which we hope is preparatory to something more favourable to religion than hath hitherto existed. Various Causes at present oppose the Formation of an auxiliary Society to aid the Church Missionary Society – The several documents transmitted by this Conveyance relative to an anonymous Letter published in the Sydney Gazette on the 4th of Jan[uar]y last will be sufficient to shew from where that false, scandalous and infamous Libel [f] originated, and at the same time point out the bitter Enemies to missions, and the Gospel of our blessed Saviour – We beg to refer your Committee to these papers, as they will shew the present Situation of the ministers of Christ if they dare openly to espouse the Cause of religion; and that of the poor perishing Heathen. Your Letter was communicated to the Rev^d Wm. Cowper, and he was requested to meet us – The Rev^d Mr Fulton was also written to but neither of them attended – whether they will examine what we have done and approve of our public Letter, is very uncertain – Pious men should unite their wisdom, and their Strength in Spite of earth and Hell to promote the great cause of their blessed Master's Kingdom. "His Kingdom shall be an everlasting

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Kingdom, and his Dominion from Sea to Sea", and no [f] Power shall prevent this— We do not expect that the difficulties will ever be greater than at present, and we pray, and hope that the great Head of the Church would bring the wickedness of the wicked to an End— Wed request you to present our respectful Compliments to the Honourable Committee, and to assure them of our cordial Co-operation in the great, and important work in which they are engaged in this Quarter of the World—

We have the Honor to be

Rev^d Sir

Your most obedient

Humble Servants

Samuel Marsden

Rob^t Cartwright

John Youl [f]

We much approve of Tooi, and Teeterree Visiting England— M^r Marsden had written to you upon the Subject previous to the arrival of your Packet

Robert Cartwright

John Youl