

Recd. Feb. 23/18 by the Kangaroo

Corn. Mar. 9/18

Sydney 5th April 1817

My dear Sir

(Ackd Mar 12/18 by the Isabella)

As my departure from this Colony is now fixed I avail myself of the occasion presented by your letter of the 11 March to say that tho' I have had no great cause to regret leaving a Country where I have met with continual trouble and vexation, yet still I have derived considerable gratification as by a residence here I have had the pleasure of becoming acquainted with you, and I am truly sorry to observe that trials similar to those, which have been so successfully thrown round me, seem to be preparing for you, and that a spirit of Hostility towards you, has been and is still so very apparent in a quarter whence you were entitled to every support, so that it is even the common talk amongst a certain party that you are to be the next victim to caprice and dislike; I have also heard that expressions of such tendency have fallen from a person whose mind the station & office he holds, should have imposed the duty of strict impartiality and the necessity of keeping himself free from any invidious attachments, and I do not however fear the result though