

or judicial authority, as there is no public paper through which Channel I could set my Character right in the public opinion — Your Lordship must be aware that both the executive and judicial Authority would be more alive to the interest, honour, and Reputation of Government, than to that of any Individual however high his rank —

After I had instituted a Criminal prosecution against the Editor of the Sydney Gazette, His Excellency Governor Macquarie was kind enough to issue a general order expressive of his regret that such a Letter should have been inserted in the Sydney Gazette, and by which he withdrew all public sanction from it — at the same time My Lord, I shall never feel myself secure from similar attacks, while the same persons have the sole Control of the Sydney Gazette, unless they are restrained by the executive authority —

To be compelled to appeal to the judicial authority as I am at present, in any future case, would be too expensive for me, and attended with such difficulties and vexations, as I need not further explain to your Lordship —

From the accompanying documents, I trust your Lordship will allow that my complaint is not without just cause, and that your Lordship will give such directions as may prevent a recurrence of such attacks being made upon my reputation in future, through the medium of the Sydney Gazette by the Confidential servants of the Crown

I have the honour to be your
Lordship's most ob^t humble servant,
(Signed) Samuel Marsden,

Senior Chaplain

To the Rt Hon^{ble} Earl Bathurst,
Principal Secretary of State
H. H. H.