

Government House,
Parramatta, 15th Jan. 1817

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The attention of His Excellency the Governor, having been called by the Honourable the Judge Advocate to the consideration of a public letter, inserted in the Sydney Gazette of the 4th Instant, signed "Philo Free" and of the several Communications which have since passed on the subject between the Judge Advocate, and Mr. Secretary Campbell, and the Rev. Samuel Marsden, His Excellency deems it necessary in justice to his own feelings, as also to the highly respectable and benevolent persons and Societies engaged in Missionary labours and purposes which have ever received his public support and sanction, thus publicly to express his disapprobation of the letter referred to, and his regret that it should inadvertently, from the great pressure of Government business in the Secretary's Office, have got admission into the Gazette, from which His Excellency would thus publicly withdraw all of Government sanction, authority or concurrence its insertion might perhaps otherwise be considered to have bestowed.

Lachlan Macquarie
By Command of His Excellency,
J. T. Campbell
Secretary