

Cumberland

To wit

Richard Jones, of Sydney, in the said Territory, Merchant, being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists, maketh oath and saith that this Deponent having had occasion to go to the Stores of George Howe of Sydney, printer of the Sydney Gazette, situate in George Street, in the Town of Sydney, aforesaid, some time in the early part of the present year one thousand eight hundred and seventeen in order to get removed from thence a quantity of Seal Skins which lay in the said Stores — the said George Howe came out of his house to whence this Deponent was and entered into conversation with this deponent and saith that after a short conversation upon subjects of no moment, the said George Howe informed this Deponent, that the Rev. Samuel Marsden was about to file a criminal information against him (the said George Howe) as the Editor or printer of the Sydney Gazette for the publication of a certain letter which appeared in that Gazette on the Fourth day of January last, signed "Philo Free" purporting to be a malicious Libel on the said Rev. Samuel Marsden, and stated, that he (the said George Howe) regretted much that such a production should have been forced on him for publication, the more especially as the Rev. Samuel Marsden had treated him (the said George Howe) with civility & kindness since his (the said George Howe's) arrival in the Colony, and that he (the said George Howe) was sure the world would acquit him of any intention to hurt the feelings of the said Rev. Gentleman, by any thing that appeared in the Columns of the Sydney Gazette, and the said George Howe then also