

Samuel Marsden to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt

Parramatta Aug^t 15th 1819

Dear & Rev^d Sir

Just as I was closing my Letters for England I received an answer to mine to His Excellency under date of the 11th In[stan]^t. I shall send you a Copy for your Information— If you compare my Letter with the Gov^{rs} Answer you will see how his Excellency stands affected towards his Secretary. From what I stated, the Gov^r cannot be ignorant of his Secretary's Conduct, had he not been well acquainted with that before— As much as it is possible I will live in Peace— but I know there will be nothing but war— I think it a little hard, that the Gov^r will not allow me to retire from the Colony; or to have a little Quietness— I would be satisfied with either— Had I committed any Crime, there would then be a Cause— As yet none has been proved against me and I trust never will— All Power, and Influence the Enemy has upon his Side— [f] But hitherto he has not succeeded to his wish— I shall feel it to be my imperious duty to watch and pray, that I may be able to stand, and to do all to stand— It may be prudent to take no public notice of these Letters, unnecessarily, unless any thing is publicly [sic] said— Perhaps my Letter to the Gov^r may prevent that use from being made of M^r Campbells Letter, had I been silent. I shall leave the whole to your wisdom and Prudence— and remain

D^r Sir

Yours very sincerely

Sam^l Marsden

Rev^d

J. Pratt