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Government House, Sydney

19th Aug. 1848-

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 11th Instant, the only reply necessary to be made to which is, that I am satisfied with the Explanation therein afforded, relative to the Report which was in Circulation in respect to the Intention of the Runaway Convicts to seize the Government Brig Elizabeth Harrietta having myself and Family on board -

I can not forbear expressing my Astonishment that you should consider yourself insulted by Mr Secretary Campbell in addressing you his letter dated the 3^d Instant on the subject of the Report herein adverted to, his so doing proceeded solely from motives of Humanity and affection for me and my Family, and Solitude for our Safety

I am Sir

Your most obedient Serv^t

L. Macquarie

To Rev^d

Samuel Marsden

Princ^l Chaplain