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Rev. S. Marsden to the Secy.

Parramatta Sep: 26th

(arr^d. May 8/19, by the "David Shaw")

(arr^d. also May 19/19, by the "Regalia")

Com. (in Gov.) May 14/19

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I received your letter, under date of March 12th. - 1818 with feelings which I cannot express. I feel myself under infinite obligations to you for your exertions in my favor - It will be unnecessary for me now to advert to past circumstances at any length - but beg to refer you to the communications I have already made. I hope the violence of the storm is now over. It was not my intention to have brought Mr. Campbell to the bar of Justice, if I could possibly have avoided it - I felt myself totally unequal (under existing circumstances) to the danger and difficulty of such a measure, on judicial grounds, and on Christian Principles I was more unwilling to take such a step. But as Solomon justly observes "Oppression maketh a man mad," so it was with me. I did not feel for myself, so much as I did for the important cause of the mission - I was fearful from opposition, it might be crushed in its infancy. The remoteness of this Colony was also a serious consideration - Communications from the Society were uncertain, from the length of time, and the dangers of the sea. I could only see Ketches at great distance, and before that Ketches could come the Enemy might have gained much advantage.