

From CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt [to Samuel Marsden]

C.M. House, London

May 12/19

My Dear Sir,

Since my Letter of the 8th Mr Buxton has sent me two more parts of the printed Evidence, which I enclose. He has just been with me. I had previously put the Copy of the trials of Campbell into Mr Wilberforce's hands & desired that Mr Buxton also might see it. I find from Mr Buxton that it has been delivered in as Evidence to the Committee of the House. I have requested him, therefore, to select from it such parts as fix the charge of writing & publishing the Libel on V=Campbell, in order that those parts may be printed in the Evidence. I did this in order to rebut in the most effectual manner, the garbled & false representation of the First trial which appeared in the Sydney Gazette, & which is printed, as you will see, in the Minutes No. 9.

Mr Buxton desires me to say that not a word has been uttered against you, during the whole business. Mr Wilberforce & he are now considering whether they shall move in the House a direction to the Commissioner about to proceed to N. S. W. to inquire into Campbell's conduct, & if the matters which appear on the Evidence be substantial, to supersede him. Indeed Mr Buxton has no doubt, but that they could obtain his dismissal [f] on the Evidence now brought forward; but the hesitation of our friends arises from considerations of advantage on the whole. But you may be assured & you will see, that able & powerful friends are watching, & will watch, over all that concerns both your own comfort & peace, & the interests of that Great Cause in which we are

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engaged. But you have still another & a better friend, who “sticketh closer than a brother”; & into whose ears you pour, I doubt not, all your complaints. May he, by His Holy Spirit, pour His balm into your soul, & enable you to “love your enemies” – to “bless them which curse you” – & to “pray for them which despitefully use you, & persecute you.”

I am ever My Dear friend

Affectionately yours,

(Signed) Josiah Pratt