

Rev. Jonah Pratt to the Rev. S. Handen

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Sent by the "David Shaw"

M. House London,
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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 Trial 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 ~~it~~ ^{writing & publishing} the charge of the libel on 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 N^o 9.

Mr. Buxton desires me to say that not a word has been uttered against you, during the whole business. Mr. Wilberforce & the are now considering whether they shall move in the House a direction to the Commissioners about to proceed to N. S. W. to inquire into Campbell's conduct, & if the matters which appear on the Evidence be substantiated, to supersede him. Indeed Mr. Buxton has no doubt, but that they could obtain his dismissal

on the Evidence now brought forward; but the hesitation of our friends arises from consideration 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 engaged. But you have still another & a better friend, who "sticketh closer than a Brother;" into whose ear you pour, I doubt not, all your complaints. May He, by His Holy Spirit, pour His Helm into your soul, & enable you to "love your enemies" - to "bless them which curse you" - to "do good to them that hate you" - to "pray for them which despitefully use you, & persecute you."

I am ever, My Dear Friend,
 affectionately yours,
 (Signed) Josiah Pratt