

Rev. Sam: Menden to the Sec: 28

Rec'd July 5/21

Sydney Cove on Monday the  
9<sup>th</sup> 1821

Ans. Aug. 20/21.

Rev: & Dear Sir!

Com. July 9/21.

Biss's Corruption!

Governor Macquarie prevent-  
ing my return to England, when I so much  
wished it, was one of the most providential  
Events that ever happened to me at any  
time. Had I been out of the Colony when  
the Commission of Enquiry examined into  
the Affairs of these Settlements, my public  
and private Reputation must have  
been ruined in this world. I feel most  
sincerely thankful to the Supreme Governor  
of the world, who the Great King in his  
Name and turneth them as he pleases.  
I should have been branded with every  
Crime that could have disgraced



human nature, without having an  
opportunity to vindicate myself. As I  
have been on the spot, tho' no means  
have <sup>been</sup> contrived that Power, or Interest or  
malice could do to injure me. All  
~~the~~ Parties have united their Abilities to  
aid the views of their Superiors. men  
might as well attempt to prevent the  
Sun from rising at its appointed hour,  
as to attempt to bury the truth for ever  
under falsehood - I have not had a  
common Task to perform. I bless God  
I have no doubt, but my Enemies will  
be covered with Shame, and that the  
Cause of Truth will triumph in the end,  
in spite of the Influence of Power  
Perjury and Corruption. I should  
have returned to England in the



On Monday, could I have been needed myself  
that any Man would be supposed to  
revert upon my public Character -  
nor may say what they think proper  
of my religious Principles; but I cannot  
suffer any man to charge me with  
any disgraceful Behaviour as a Member  
of Society - The Commissioner of Enquiry  
is in full Possession of my Case; and  
I cannot doubt, but he will do impar-  
tial Justice to my Cause. He is a Gentleman  
whose Sense of Honor and Truth is in my  
opinion very great. If I was not convinced  
of this I should return by this Conveyance  
being persuaded as I am, that no one  
can justify my Suspensions in their Conduct  
towards me - my return does not appear  
so absolutely necessary at this moment



