

*Samuel Marsden to CMS Secretary Josiah Pratt*

Sydney March 16<sup>th</sup> 1821

Rev<sup>d</sup> & Dear Sir

Herewith you will receive by M<sup>r</sup> Harris the principal official documents or at least Copies of them, which have passed between me and the Honourable Commissioner of Enquiry - I shall make no Comment upon them, as they will shew what I have had to do - It was very fortunate for me, that divine Providence prevented my Return at the time was so anxious to leave the Colony - I should never have been able to have repelled the Charges against me if I had not been in the Colony - no doubt many more would have been made had I been absent - You will see what a Scene of political warfare I was thrown into the moment I landed from the Dromedary till she sailed for England - what vexation & Arrogance - I had all these written Replies to make independent of my Examination from time to time before the Honourable [f] Commissioner. I hope in time the Storm will abate - I wish no injury to my Accuser, and want no more than to wipe away the Stains from my moral Character. You and my Friends will judge how far I have vindicated myself from the Charges. I have deemed it meet to send you Copies of my Correspondence with the Commissioner for the Information of M<sup>r</sup> Buxton &c in order that they might know the particulars - I leave these Documents to your wisdom - to make use of them or not, as may be judged Proper.

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Yours very faithfully

Samuel Marsden

Rev<sup>d</sup> J. Pratt

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