

Rev. S. Marsden to the Secy

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Rev. Dear Sir! Com. Dec. 31/22.

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I wrote to you by the Survey, and mentioned, that I had purchased a Vessel for Parramatta, King of Tahiti, by which means I shall be able to keep up a Communication with the missionary Settlement at New Zealand, without the Active. I will make arrangements with Parramatta for that Purpose, which will relieve me from much Anxiety and Vexation, and the Society from Expense and Risk; which I have long wished when the Active returns it is my Intention to dispose of her immediately if I can - I shall be much obliged, if you will inform me what sums you have paid on Account of my Sons Education; and what sums you have put to my Credit on Account of the Active since the Vessel became the Property of the Society - The Active was valued at £1500 - Mr. Ferris brought Home

the Journals with him in 1820 - I shall
be very thankful if you can send me a Statement
of my Account up to the 31st of December
1820 - I shall then know what may be
necessary for me to provide for my son's
Education hereafter - I have had no Account
of his Expenses since he left N. J. -
If I get a Statement from you, what you have
paid on Account of my son, and what you have
given me Credit for in Payment of the Bills I
have drawn on Account of the £1500 allowed
me for the Active I shall then know how we
stand -

General Macquarie returned by the Hurvey - I wrote
to my Friend Dr. Gode by that Conveyance
and also to the Commissioners of Enquiry -
and enclosed him several public Documents -
my letter to the Commissioners with all
other Documents I left open for the inspection
of Dr. Gode - I am happy General Macquarie

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is gone - His Letter to the Right Honourable Lord
Sidmouth is a false and scandalous Publication
as it respects myself - I have no doubt but the
Commissioner will do me Justice in his Report -
Every means was used when he was here to criminate
me, but they all failed - The Commissioner pressed
every Charge to the utmost, and further than
he was authorised, he told me himself, but all
would not do - I had done no wrong, and therefore
no wrong could be proved against me - my
friends here urged me much to prosecute General
Macquarie, for his Libel in his Letter; but I
declined to do this - I have suffered no Injury here;
in England I may - As I am upon the best of Terms
with Sir Thomas Brisbane, and nothing General
Macquarie has said has prejudiced his mind
against me, I could have gained nothing by an
Action at Law here - I wrote to Sir Thomas upon
the subject, and also conversed with him, and
he fully approved of the Line of Conduct I adopted
I have authorised Mr. Gould, should it be deemed
necessary to institute an Action at Law

against General Macquarie on his arrival
in England - but I apprehend this may not be
necessary - I have no angry feelings to gratify.
If my public Reputation as a member of
Society, and Minister of the Church is not
seriously injured, I want no Punishment to be
inflicted upon my Enemy - He has been a very
powerful one, and a very vindictive one also,
and one who has no regard to truth - His
System of Government will now be exposed, and
the public Corruptions laid open - I have no
hesitation in saying that the Rev. J. Butler lent him-
-self to G. M. and he paid him for his services,
He remitted to your Duty upon 200 Gallons of Spirits
which Mr. Butler took with him to N. Zealand -
This was done privately, and unknown to Sir
Thomas Brisbane, who was the only Governor -
Mr. Butler will gain nothing in the End by this
Bargain - Sir Thomas, who ought to have been
consulted, but was not, was very angry - Mr.
Butler's lies against me were shocking - I need
add nothing more - I remain,
Rev. J. Pratt
N. N. D.
Rev. Burgess affectionately
Your M. M. M.