

MS. 57/64

*John Butler to Samuel Marsden*

Ship Westmoreland

Jan<sup>ry</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> 1822

My Dear Sir-

I Received your letter concerning M<sup>r</sup> Cowell but I must beg leave to decline taking any part in M<sup>r</sup> Cowell's Concerns while my own remain unsettled. And I am still more astonished that you should attribute his being left behind to me. The Active was here a fortnight after my Arrival and you never consulted me about what was best to be done during that period.

I beg leave to press upon you the necessity of Answering my letter forthwith and of settling my accounts as I am in great want of the money to lay it out for necessaries for my family

I am living on Board of the Westmoreland for want of a better lodging [f] And as a freind [sic] said to me yesterday It is to the eternal disgrace of ye Clergy of this Colony to suffer a Minister to return from an heathen land. And not one with all their Philanthropy offer to take him into their Houses —

With my Sincere respects

To M<sup>rs</sup> Marsden & family

I remain Yours truly

John Butler

J.P.