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of the Gospel, and a Missionary belonging  
ing to the Church Missionary Society  
that I feel myself compelled for  
the honor of the Society, the general  
good of the mission, and the ends  
of public justice to have this charge  
investigated. It is impossible for me,  
as Representative of the Society, sent  
here to exonerate into the state of  
the Mission to allow such scandalous  
reports to circulate without taking  
public notice of them. If you are  
innocent of this charge, it is ne-  
cessary for the vindication of your  
own reputation that you should  
make your Innocency apparent on  
the other hand, if you are aware  
that you cannot justify your conduct  
I should recommend you quietly  
to retire from the Service of the  
Mission as an investigation and  
subsequent conviction will only tend  
to add to the public disgrace of  
yourself and the Mission

I am

Res<sup>d</sup>. Sir

Your most

Obed. Humble Servant

signed Sam<sup>l</sup>. Marsden

Res<sup>d</sup>. J. Butler