

Guidance of the Body of Missionaries, their Servants and the Mechanics employed in the Mission in order to prevent as much as possible, the public scandal, which has heretofore been cast upon the character of the Missionaries, and the great injury that has been done to the Soul of the Missionaries themselves and by their unguarded and unthinking conduct to the cause of the Gospel through the above dangerous Intercourse. It may not be improper previous to the establishment of the proposed Rules and Regulations to mention some of the reasons which urge me to adopt this measure.

1st The Missionaries by going on board of Ships, they are tempted to traduce the good reputation of one another, by speaking evil of one of another to men of the most abandoned Characters, who glory in leaving their rivals, and bite and devour one another, and afterwards propagate every evil report against the Missionaries, in New South Wales, and in every other part of the world they visit. This improper and I may add wicked conduct of the Missionaries, gives just occasion for the Enemies of the Gospel to blaspheme