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23. Today I went down to see Capt<sup>r</sup> Walker of the Dragon in order to get a passage if I could to Port Jackson, he demanded a thousand Pounds. In the evening I proceeded to Dyke to the Pres<sup>d</sup> H. Williams. Mr Kemp and Shunger accompanied me. I had much conversation with Shunger about the state of Mealand. He said for the first time I had ever heard him, that he had no wish for them, but the other Chiefs called upon him to revenge their quarrels. I wished to know whether I might send Mr Clarke to Mealand or not, and what the thoughts of his heart were on the subject, whether he could let Mr Clarke be quiet. He asked Mr Kemp, if he ever troubled him now? Mr Kemp replied "no". He would not promise, but intimated I might treat him without his word.

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I therefore resolved to send him - 24. This morning I wrote a note to the Pres<sup>d</sup> Pendall to know whether he intended to go to Port Jackson with me if I took up the dragon. I called upon Capt<sup>r</sup> Walker on my way to Middle Middle, he still stood out for 2000. I am very anxious to return home but must remain unless Mr Walker lowers his terms. I received a letter from Mr Pendall written on the 4<sup>th</sup> inst. he showed a very unchristian spirit thro<sup>u</sup> the whole - 25. Assisted in the performance of divine service, but was not comfortable found my mind too much burdened with difficulties that I could not enjoy the Sabbath as I ought. It is very distressing to have to do with unreasonable professors of Religion. I have always found it more easy to deal with unreasonable and wicked Men than such characters.