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in Port Jackson with any comfort to himself. I recom-  
mended him to return to Europe when an opportunity  
offered. The whole of his misconduct would soon  
spread thro' the colony after our arrival which  
would render his situation painful. He replied  
he would preach there when he arrived, if it  
was under an Hedge, and no Man should  
prevent him. I told him, perhaps he would alter  
his mind when he got there - as there appeared  
to be the most rooted hatred in his mind against  
Mr James Shepherd, and <sup>wicked and</sup> many infamous reports  
circulated against this young Man, and Mr B having  
expressed himself to me in strong language,  
I told him I was determined to examine  
into the ground of those infamous reports  
before I went, in justice to Mr Shepherd,  
and to prevent any thing from being  
said at Port Jackson to his prejudice after  
we arrived there if he was unjustly accused.  
Mr B said he had no charge against him &  
blamed Mr Kendall for propagating them.  
I wished to know the reason, if he knew nothing  
against Mr Shepherd why he had said such  
evil things of him? As yet I had never  
hinted to Mr Shepherd that any thing had  
been said to me to the injury of his reputation  
as I believed him to be a sterling character  
and wholly devoted to the work and that  
the true reason for charging him with crime  
was his devotedness to the Mission, his conduct  
being such a condemning contrast to that  
of others - I was aware that when we landed