

1823 ^{open for a paper} Oct. 28

Tuesday 28th This morning I accompanied Capt. Moore
on board the Dragon, when we made a final
agreement with Captain Walker for his
vessel to convey us to Port Jackson - I agreed
to pay Captain Walker for my share of the
freight 1200 Dollars, and Capt. Moore 1600.

I was much concerned to learn that the King's
Majesty had been on board the proceeding evening
in a state of prostration - what insupportable
difficulties has this misfortune to contend with - How
crucial is the consideration - that the two Clergy, men
who ought to have been the stay, and the strength
of the mission, should be the principals in the
transgression - when I consider the errors and
crimes of which the missionaries have been
guilty I am astonished that it has lasted
so long - I am convinced, if it had been possible
for men or devils to have overturned the
mission, it would have been at our eyes long
ago - I admire the forbearance, & patience of
the natives in many ^{occasions} instances in many
instances they are an example both in word and
deed to the missionaries - God will bless this
mission in the end - and by some means or other
make the wickedness of man to promote his
glory - He will send men after his own heart
in due time to carry on his work -
and these Heathens shall praise him.

painful
inteligence

reflection