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Dear Sir

Mr Wm Hall to Secretary

Rd to Com. Dec. 27/13. and again Jan. 22/14.

Sent a copy, Dec. 29/13, to Mr Willerforce, begging him to introduce the subject to the Sp. Gen. Mr. 7/14.

Am<sup>y</sup> Dec. 29/13. stating Mr's letter of Oct. 25/10, and Com. Reson.

a - P - I duly received

On acc<sup>t</sup> of the shipwreck of Feb. 6/12 - no further letter from you. on the subject.

of a ship which was bringing dispatches from New South Wales, We did not receive the letter, inform<sup>g</sup> us of our ship Minstrel's arrival there until this week.

begged a copy, by return, of Mr's letter to them - had asked Mr Will. to introd. the business at Sp. Gen. Mr.

Amongst them is a Letter from our mutually esteemed Friend Mr Marsden to me, dated Paramatta the 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1812 - It is almost exclusively on the

subject of fitting out & sending a Vessel of 150 or 200 Tons meas<sup>re</sup> to N. S. Wales, to be employed in the Trade between that Settlement & the Islands East of

it in the South Sea - The arguments he makes use of & the statements he exhibits are so clear & encour<sup>ag</sup>ing, that had I the ability in a pecuniary point

of view, consistent with a prudential regard to my Family, I would as a Merch<sup>t</sup> immed<sup>tly</sup> set about fulfil<sup>l</sup>ing the Plans which he recommends - But it

would <sup>not</sup> be by any means ~~the~~ prudent for either my Brothers or myself (who are owners of the Minstrel) to embark in such an enterprize separately or even

jointly, considering the great risk We should run, in case of the death or removal of our Friend Mr M.

We shall therefore by the next conveyance write