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There was some participation between Marsden and the runaway Convicts. Secy. Campbell's Letter to Marsden conveys no insinuation of this kind.

If Cap. Welch and any other Persons who are now in England, but then in the Colony, could state any particulars which might tend to show that Campbell's application to Marsden as the Author of the report, must have proceeded from malice, it would be well to obtain their statements to that effect, & then it might be worth while to represent the whole to Lord Bathurst's office. Otherwise I really fear for the effect which will be produced on the Minds of the official Men here by what they will be too naturally