

No. 1. Copy to Com<sup>r</sup> Bigge, with further explanations  
Panama 30<sup>th</sup> 1821  
The 4/21 reput<sup>d</sup> build<sup>d</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Orphan Home.

Honoured Sir

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When your Honor communicated to me that His Excellency Governor Macquarie had stated that I had paid the Workmen who were employed in Building the Orphan House at Panama "principally in Property" and afterwards stated a second time that I had "paid for the Work in Property" I was struck with astonishment and the most painful regret at the Governor's observations; the term Property must mean if it means any thing that I paid the whole of the Workmen or nearly so in Property and is evidently intended to impress on your Honor's mind and that of His Majesty's Ministers that I had done something improper and if I had not acted dishonestly I had acted dishonorably during the period the Orphan House was erecting from a Love of Money. As the Lieutenant Governor the Judge Advocate and the Rev<sup>d</sup> Wm Cowper who formed the Orphan Committee examined my accounts and past them every quarter and the Governor afterwards approved of them and published them in the Sydney Gazette for the Information of the Public I would presume His Excellency cannot with any Justice condemn my conduct in those public transactions and acquit the Lieutenant Governor the Judge Advocate and the Rev<sup>d</sup> Wm Cowper of negligence

