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Robert Campbell to William Jemmett Brown

"Duplicate"

Campbell's Wharf

Sydney 31 Dec.^r 1822

M^r. W^m. Jemmett Brown

Dear Sir

I was savored with your respective Letters in "triplicate" of the 12th. February 12th. April and 15th. May the two former previous to your partner Mr. Kermode leaving the Colony in the Ship Mary I was extremely hurt in conversing with him on the subject of the first Letters to find you had observed in your letter to Mr. Kermode that I had behaved extremely ill by favouring my Friend in the price of Oil disposed of by Capt Thompson to Capt Leslie of your Brig Robert Qualglo when a moments reflection must have convinced you the insinuation was illiberal as it is unjust_I had no contraul over the Master and Crews proportion of the Oil or any of the articles to be procured by them, nor could I be accessary to the price given by Mr. Leslie at such a distance as the river Derwent nor can I be accountable for the extortionate Pays [?] demanded by the Crew of Colonial Vessels which the Owners of Agents are from necessity obliged to acquiesce in

With respect to my using my influence with either M^r Marsden or M^r . Pratt to relinguish on the part of the Church Missy Society, the price of the Casks which contained the proportion of the Oil, belonging to the Crew it is impossible, for the terms [?] of their Articles provides the amount shall be paid to the Owners and which was done by Leslie's Bill on you, indorsed by me to M^r Pratt P = 95. You have thought proper to decline paying

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Agreeable to you Letter of 15th, May I have the pleasure of enclosing an affidavit of the Master and Mates of the Active that will of course cancel your Bond respecting the Duty in the Oil I paid 10/ to the clerk for it and the duplicate which for fear of Accident I will forward by the next conveyance, but you will excuse me for remarking this trouble might as well have devolved on M^r Macailie the Agent of your <u>House</u> at Sydney.

I remain

Sir

Liverpool Your mo. Obed^t Sn

Original p^r. "Suny" [?] Rob Campbell