

"Duplicate"

Campbell's Wharf

Sydney 31 Dec. 1822

Mr. Wm. Emmet Brown

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Dear Sir

I was favored with your respective letters in "Duplicate" of the 12<sup>th</sup> February 12<sup>th</sup> April and 15<sup>th</sup> May the two former previous to your partner Mr. Kermode leaving the colony in the Ship Cleary & 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 the Oil disposed of by Capt Thompson to Capt Leslie of your Brig Robert Duvallo when a moments reflection must have convinced you the insinuation was illiberal as it is unjust. I had no controul over the Master and Crews proportion of the Oil or any other articles to be procured by them, nor could I be accessory to the price given by Mr. Leslie at such a distance as the river Derwent nor can I be accountable for the extortionate Rates demanded by the Crew of colonial Vessels which the Owners or Agents are from necessity obliged to acquiesce in.

With respect to my using my influence with either Mr. Marsden or Mr. Pratt to relinquish on the part of the Church Mission Society, the price of the cargo which contained the proportion of the Oil, belonging to the Crew it is impossible, for the terms of their articles provide the amount shall be paid to the Owners, and which was done by Leslie's Bill on you, indorsed by me to Mr. Pratt for £95. you have thought proper to decline paying.

Agreeable to your letter of 15<sup>th</sup> May I have the pleasure of enclosing an affidavit of the Master and Mate of the Schooner that will of course cancel your Bond respecting the Duty on 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 Mr. Macenzie the Agent of your House at Sydney.

I remain

Sir

Your mo. Obedt<sup>l</sup>

J. Campbell

Liverpool

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