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Campbell town

12th April 1880

Mr Moon



My dear Sir — Stanbridge 12th Sept 1850

In consequence of your favorable opinion of my letter on the subject of transportation I concluded that I had obtained a zealous as well as an influential promoter of our moderate views. And altho I ought not to be surprised that praise is not in this country ~~generally~~ followed by support. Yet I acted on this supposition, and wrote to Mr Gunn and Mr Sinclair that you would join with us. I am glad to find that your opinions are not altered, altho your assistance is withheld. But trust me you are entirely wrong, completely so in fancying that either the dignity or duty, of a Member of Council is compromised by your acknowledging your own sentiments, in other places as well as in the Council Chamber. Almost every Member of Council somewhat superior to ours - signs his name to any address he may intend to support in the British Parliament. - for Instance the Names of Privy Councillors - of Members of the House of Lords appears plentifully in the petition ag^t the Corn Laws - They consider it not only consistent with dignity, but a duty to support inferior persons holding the same opinions as themselves, they also sign to the general tenor of such petitions not insisting that every article of them should be precisely in consonance with their wishes for to do this, would be an underhand way of destroying the whole. What hope can there be of the success of any attempt, if the weak only come forward, whilst the powerful conceal themselves. Believe me it is your duty to come forward on one side or the other.

But in this affair not only the welfare of the colony - but that of the Governor is implicated, for he has been led to believe (what I also believe) that many of the most respectable families hold the same opinions as ourselves in the most material points, and has acted on this belief - we should not allow his reputation to suffer by this. Setting the transportation case aside - I as a Soldier and Gentleman and therefore a loyal man and lover of decency - would not allow the Queens representative to be insulted, and perhaps to be considered in England as justly subject to the expressions used against him here - certainly it must be the duty of a Gentleman a member of his Government to protect ^{him} - which cannot be done by a few, perhaps unambiguous words spoken in Council - which Council you know, will very probably not meet again for any substantial purpose - We are about printing our declaration and sending copies to all friends who will endeavor

to have the health to procure signatures, If we feel, after having firmly fought the ^{only} ^{not to be believed} ^{or favor} ^{or unger} battle. I shall content myself with having done my best without fear. *Victoria causa diis placuit sed Vreta cuboni*

I am my dear Sir
Yours truly
W. Wood

In Leche Recd M. L. C.

My Wife joins me in best regards to Mr. & Mrs. Leake
and rest of your family

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