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My dear Sir

I knew that Mr Molesworth was to address the house, on the subject of transportation, and also heard that the Ministry had nearly been ousted – Either of these occurrences might have compelled its cessation – And I considered that if Mr Molesworth prevailed – The Governor here and the Ministry at home would be glad to receive the stated opinions of some respectable names of the colonists, in defence of their attempts to continue transportation If on the contrary Ministers had carried the day, such statements, would be a demonstration that they had acted as much for the good of this colony as for their own accommodation – which might prevent further contests –

I am sure that Eight or Ten such names as yours, Mr Allison D. Camerons Lords Gunns Sinclairs & would completely upset the absurd and disloyal expressions of the anti transportation committee – And that altho a numerous personal meeting might be difficult of attainment yet a sufficient number would have sent on their approbation in writing –

But as the committee, or by whatever name it might be called must be composed of good names, and as those I have written to (except Mr Cameron) either disapprove my plan or are lukewarm, or do not like the trouble or have some other motive - The matter as regards me is ended – And I must be content with regretting that these persons will not assist, in what, (If my circumstances were such as they were some years ago) I would have accomplished singly, - I have already and continuedly exerted myself (almost unaided) in defending the character of the settlers of this colony as regards the common routine of ~~decent~~ outward conduct – But no further.

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As for those who utter disloyalty – or who have sillily and basely calumniated their fellow colonists as most of the rich holy and influential among us have done, or who are ashamed of and despise their parents and convict connections, as almost all the sons and sons in law of convicts have done I hold them much in the same light, as their lies and Calumnies have caused us to be held in Europe & America

Yours Truly
WWood

My dear Sir

I have been unfortunate in my Garden the past year – every crop of every kind having failed as well as my corn and hay. If therefore you have any Garden seeds to spare and would send me some of any or every kind I should feel much obliged – This speeds [?] the public's service. but I shall never be sorry to pay 4s to be enabled to send my best respects to Mrs & Miss Leake and your family – Mrs Wood has been very ailing indeed for sometime past.

I am my dear Sir
Yours truly
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