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My dear Sir

I certainly think it my duty to call on other persons than Mr Kermode or Mr P Smith to come forward as our representative and as it appears by Mr Allison's and your signatures that you do not intend to act yourselves in that capacity – which of you thought ~~you~~ [the following inserted] that either of you would be chosen would be much more to our advantage than ~~to~~ that you should be nominated by the Governor, because in that case he would have the power of nominating another friend and so have an additional supporter – I have accordingly with my Son Louis signed the requisition to Mr Lord but – I have not any intention of voting – both on account of my health which is not strong enough, and more particularly because I think I never ought to interest myself in any thing concerning Campbell town Campbell town again – and altho I wish to oppose the fanaticism [illegible] and the radicalism of the other party – Yet I cannot feel the respect for our Governor that my loyalty would require – his conduct in punishing the rebel radicals – after they had been sentenced/to reprimand/by the legal power – is a parallel case with that of yours and Capt Garth's – I do not know whether the manner in which that insult to Magistrates was swallowed – encouraged further insults and breaches of the law – but if known at all to the present Governor was very likely to have that Effect

Yours Truly
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Why does not Mr Allison (the Councillor) put his name If he intends to stand – I should be sorry to have applied to any other – but I suppose his Father signs for his family -