My dear Sir,

Cambridge, 12 July 17-

I know that Mr. Northcote was to address the House on the subject of transportation, and also heard that the Ministry had nearly been created, either by these occurrences, might have compelled its legislation. And I consider that Mr. Northcote foresaw that the Governor, and the actual Ministry of that time would be glad to receive the opinions of some respectable names of the colonists, in defence of their attempts to continue transportation. If on the contrary, the Ministry had carried the day, such statements would be a demonstration that they had acted as much for the good of the colony as for their own accommodation, which might prevent further contests.

I am sure that eight or ten such names as yours, his Lordship's, yours, and those of the gentlemen of the anti-transportation committee, and that the numerous personal meetings might be difficult of accomplishment yet a sufficient number would have sent 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. Tamaro) all have disapproved my plan, or are lukewarm or do not like the trouble the matter is regarding me in ending, and I must be content with regretting that these persons will not assist in what, if my circumstances were such as they have been some years ago I would have accomplished singly, having already and continually exerted myself (almost without regard to the character of the settlers of this colony as regards the common routine of decent outward conduct. But no further,
My dear Sir,

I have been very unfortunate in my garden the past year—every crop of every kind has failed as well as my health. 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 spoils the public business, but I shall never be doing to keep up to be able to send my best respects to Mrs. Wood and your family—Mrs. Wood has been very sick, indeed for sometime past.

I am very dear Sir

Your truly

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