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In Leake by M.L.H.

My dear Sir
Manchester 12 July 51

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 Allen, D. Camerons Lords Gunns Senclauv & I 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 ⁱⁿ 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 ^{of} 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.

As for those who utter desolating or who have stilly and severely condemn me, they will never be able to do so, as most of the spirit body must influence among us have already, or who are ashamed of any degree of their present and some of our own, as others fall the same system in law of correct, have done, should them meet in the same light, as they do and Calumny has carried us to the head in Europe & in our own.