

My dear Sir — Newbridge 23^d July 1057 —

The distance from the Post Office renders the transmission and receipt of my letter very uncertain. I did not receive your kind note and invitation ^{make} this morning. I did not forget that I had signed a document to be forwarded to the Governor — nor that Mr. Allen had reported himself on that, as he does on all good public occasions — nor that Mr. Lord signed it and then publicly and in print declared that he never had been a friend to transpopulation which is something like blowing hot & cold in same breath — I again say that it would be of the utmost advantage to the colony that you or Mr. Allen should represent Campbell town instead of being nominees or nominees of the Governor — two or three county members of our persuasion — besides the nominees — would carry the day — as to the respectability of our colonists I have said quite as much as they deserve —

If Mr. Hermodde who when sent a youth to England was the makings of a Saint — and who came out as Teatoller full blown Saint, and fine Gentleman, was allowed by the company make a speech so unchristian and ungentlemanlike, that I do not believe the most

blackguard convict in the colony would not act as
said he would do - surely, much cannot be said
for a set of persons of moderate station in society
who did not punish him for such malevolent
expressions - Is such a man fit for the council? -

The document you speak of was good but not
sent to the governor till very long after I signed
and when it was too late -

Maria is somewhat better and joins in kind
regards to Mrs Miss Leake.

Y^r Leake Esq

Y^r my dear Sir
Yours truly
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