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Report.

In answer to the first Question I believe it is not ^{desirable} that Transportation of Convicts to this Colony should cease altogether And I arrive at this conclusion from the following Considerations

1st As to the Moral question which I think should be kept quite distinct from consideration of a pecuniary nature we ought to take an enlarged and philosophical view of the actual state of society and of our own peculiar duties in the position which Providence has placed us ~~in~~ relation to our fellow men - It would be ^{improper} in the limits of a brief report to explore all the ramifications to which this important subject might lead or even to include the results of such an inquiry if such a course were pursued - I shall therefore merely observe that the laws of Society having affixed the penalty

The penalty

The penalty of Transportation on certain
offenders with a view to their punishment and
Reformation and experience having demonstra-
-ted that these objects are best carried out by
by placing them under those whose interest
is to make them useful and honest members
of Society. to teach habits of industry to the
littles and idle and by example and precept
to enforce and encourage by the principles of
Religion and Virtue it is evident that no
real friend of Man can consider this other
than a duty so far as it is connected with
his own well being like the physician who
walks among the sick he escapes moral
contamination by the virtue of those antidotes
he comes constantly with him - An abhor-
rence of those vices which he sees have
led to the consequences he observes and
deplores - But like the physician the
free settler or Land holder must have no
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