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My Dear Sir, I thank you for the letter which you were so kind as to send me. The fears expressed in Solomon Bayley's letters, were doubtless, in great part imaginary. The allusion to a guard for the Colonial Agent, refers I presume to a disturbance produced several months ago, by Francis Taylor, who was tried & banished from the Colony. There was an unpleasant excitement for a day or two, which has long been forgotten. Mr Sheppard's letter is just as it should be.

The rebellious idea of an attack by the natives was a complete fabrication.

What gives me most concern in reading Bayley's letters, is his statement that Rum is used to excess, which however does not agree with the information derived from other sources.

Faithfully your friend &c
R R Gurley

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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