State of the Colony has never been properly known And the reason is that ~~the Colo~~ Emigration has ackquired so high a degree of character that any ~~S~~ Story (it matters not how true) that had any tendency to lessen this degree of character was ~~taken~~ looked upon as a fabrication, and even the man that told it, though from the best and purest of ~~m~~ motives may even for the welfare of the Colony was looked upon as a ~~traytor~~ Traitor and as an ~~eny~~ Enemy to the Colony; whereas he was acting only as a faithful doctor. I cannot conclude this letter to you without noticing one great evil which strikes ~~at~~ at the very vitals of our Colony; and this evil begins in the united States - It is that of filling the mind of Emigrants previous to their leaving the U. S with unreasonable ~~&~~ and flattering prospects which unavoidably causes them to make a Sacrifice of such things would be of infinite ~~use~~ use to them here and which would give them a very comfortable start and would be a means of exonerating the Society from many expences and prevent a degree of pauperism which is now preying upon the vitals of the Colony in a very rapid and alarming degree But this evil does not ~~st~~ stop here - the high ~~expectat~~ expectation to which it raises the Emigrants previous to their coming to this Country, not being complied with unavoidably bring the sting of disappointment and the sting of ~~disap~~ disappointment brings on a train of desponding passions which finally bring many to an untimely grave! It also prevents many who would, from farming; or in fact it has an ~~unav~~ unavoidable tendency to prevent agriculture for the Emigrants coming here poor and destitute and when they are turned off the Colony they are no better off, are compelled to betake themselves to those destructive Swamps in getting timber, this being the most immediate way of getting them only a half Support for their families and for this they are paid off in ~~tr~~ trade articles at an enormous price; and in order to find a market for their trade they are forced into the interior to trade with the natives who being such keen Sharpers mostly cheat them out of all and they come home worse off than before; hence Agriculture is neglected through necessity - It is my decided opinion that the farmer should ~~be~~ have Superior advantages so as to enable ~~to~~ him to get on his feet; this would cause ~~an~~ excite and enable ~~many~~ many to go to farming who now do not owing to their not having any thing to live on while their ~~cr~~ crops might be growing. Thus Gentlemen, I have written to you freely. I could say a great deal more but ~~time~~ time will not; but you will have a more general Statement in the report of the Committee ~~But~~ Let me tell you I love the Colony and expect to die in ~~aff~~ Africa some where. I Remain

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