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Mr Latrobe

My dear Sir.

You are aware that I do not meddle with Colonials affairs, & those who are witnesses of ~~my~~ daily actions will testify that I confine myself to the proper duties of a Missionary of Jesus Xt. But a sense of duty to you in this instance as well as a sense of duty to one of my fellow ~~creatures~~ men, constrains me to address a confidential letter to yourself. I apprehend that a serious effort will be made by Mr Holmes to depreciate the character of Charles Snetter in ~~the~~ estimation of your Boards. I tell you as I have told him (Mr H) that he is influenced wholly by an unreasonable, unhallowed prejudice, & I feel I hazzard nothing in affirming, that if the character of the two men are to be estimated by the opinions of the people here, Mr Snetter will have nothing to dread. I give it to you as an opinion founded upon a long & thorough ~~upon~~ acquaintance with Mr Snetter that he is the crown of the American population in Africa. Nor do I think it possible for you to have added a more valuable member to your Colony.

But it may be said that here is a defence without a charge. Be it so. But Mr Holmes says (I have heard from good authority) that the

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