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Mr Thomson

I hardly know what to say — under the embarrassment beneath which I labour I think to have some more definite information — the point under consideration You may confide in me not as a confessor for that must be to God who searches the the heart and tries the reins of the children of men — your first duty is to God my forgiveness is obtained before it is asked But what is that it is christ and only christ and only christ who that cleanseth from all unrighteousness —

I must earnestly beg you to confess to me all that you have done if you have not already — and whatever that may be for the best interest of that Holy Cause to which interest I have devoted soul and body and for that of your humble servant shall be done, Nothing can be gained by the church of christ by plunging fourth to a wicked world the crimes of those who profess to be members of the Born Body of the Son of God; but you must be well aware of the fact that one guilty of what you have confessed yourself to be, cannot continue in connection with a missionary Society. The Question now is to what are you guilty? if I understand your letter you say that you are guilty of criminal connection with that Lady — Was it after you had received the appointment of Missionary of Prot. Episc. Ch. U.S.A. you said nothing in regard to the story of about Jacks wife; who the man besides Hall has said to have something to do with the and some other things, to one who profess to know something about it — I have not been able to point out he told the one who profess to know something about it to suppress it, for it would hang you — this escaped my mind last night — But if you have done any other criminal act such as to confess it to me, now, while the subject is under consideration

If it be in my power the whole affair shall be conducted in such a manner as shall result to the smallest injury of your unfortunate family

Yours truly
Signed } Thomas Savage

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injury of his afflicted family — But is it for the interest of mission that your laws should be broken without punishment to the offender No! — and in all my proceedings as you all know when I was convinced that Mr Thomson had so broken them. I endeavoured to conduct the matter in such a manner as that the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth should be told — and this your laws would be respected, and Mr T. if condemned, would be condemned on just and true grounds

In a second letter written after Mr T. had confessed the crime of illicit carnal intercourse with the native woman of Robookah — the the crime for which he was dismissed from our mission, and the crime for which he was tried before Mr Ruswurm, in a second letter after his confession of this crime I did use the word "sueued" — and this was my meaning I thought from his letters and from the fact that as he had been so wicked and unprincipalled in his conduct towards the benighted native, he was bad enough to make an unlawfull use of the money so sueredly deposited in his hands by our Missionary Board — This suspicion was confirmed by his unwillingness to make out his accounts, that I might send them home to the Board — I never could get him to do this till after he had confessed the crime for which I dismissed him — With this I did not think the Colony had any thing to do — His making an unlawfull use of the money of the mission was an affair of the missionary

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