forward these letters in form; finding no other evidence the Judge then reading the law in relation to the Case and explaining all the Circumstance in relation to the Charge presented against Thompson the whole Bench unanimously acquitted him of the Charge. It has been said by some persons that were prejudicial to Thompson that he was present with the Judges that night but it is not the fact. In as much as Doct Savage didnot succede in the first instant in getting Thompson out of the Colony he was told the Law would expel him from the settlement if found guilty of the Charge, where as the Law is only Fine and Imprisonment but Ignorance is the Mother of disappointment, trouble and discord, Doc Savage has since drawn up an instrument & got a number of Letters as petitioners or Signers against the proceedings of the Agent in Thompson case and send to the board. Doct Savage because one of his own family told me that he drew it and gave to Signers for addo tion, I think it highly improper, as you will see. also I am truly sorry that I am compelled from my Situation to note these Petty to your Honorable Board, you must not think that I do it from any thing like personal feelings; It has this tendency in an ignorant community like ours to defeat the object of the Body in the United States I could say much more on the subject but I dismiss it from my pen with this confidence that my Superior in Office and Colleague in trying to promote the welfare of the Colony will give you more satisfactory details on all essentials; I declare most devoutly that I entertain the best of feelings towards all the Missionary in this Place and the direction given by the Board in reference thereto have been by Mr Ramsourm and myself most strictly adhered to on all occasions whatever, and ever shall be by me

I must say on the whole that if we practise a correct course I see nothing to prevent our being a happy people, I trust your bosoms will have cause to swell with pure Seraphic Joy on receiving intelligence from our little Colony, the people here are learning much, but they have much more to learn. I am thankful to God that I am enabled to sympathise with all with the best possible feelings from wich I trust never to depart

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A. Letter Books

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