I have I trust never entertained any revengeful feelings against you or yours – I have on the contrary tried to pursue such a course both personally with you and whenever I have been called before a Court as should convince you that I loved justice truth and mercy – You justly attribute all that may befal you to your own doings – So far as any thing that I can do I shall do to sheild you from conviction on false grounds But you have it sums broken the laws of the Colony – You then you deserve and will inevitably receive the punishment due to the crime – And you wisely & prudently resolve to confess it before the Court – I would do it – It certainly will be so far in your favour – If truly penitent you will do so – It is the only thing which will arrest false suits against you – You must remember that every body is disposed to believe any thing that can be said against you – But here as in all civilized communities, a truly penitent man will secure compassion

In confessing before the Court you had better include my course towards you – If I have dealt by you justly – state it to the Court – If I had no disposition to conceal your transgression of the laws of the Colony state so – I then shall not find it necessary to say a word, and shall be relieved from saying what will do you no credit, and what will give me much pain – You are the object of our prayers – Let it not be that merely the detection of your wickedness proves the cause or ground of your repentance, but remember that God an infinitely holy God is offended – The wounds of Christ have been opened a fresh by your conduct and a member of his visible Body is polsied – Yet "God is very pitiful, and of tender mercy" – And say "Repent and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ & thou shalt be saved – Whomsoever cometh unto me I will in no wise cast out – With prayer that your penitence may be of such a character. I am

Your Friend.

(Signed) Thomas S Savage

Mont Vaughn
Saturday 5

I send your box

The other said to be in the school here cannot be found – I think you must have meant the one which was taken some time since by your men

(Signed) T. S. S.

If you make any confessions before the Court I should like to have you expressly testify that I never promised to conceal your crime – Otherwise I shall have to state it – You know that what I said in relation to such a point was said under the idea that it was committed beyond the limits of the Colony's jurisdiction and that such being the case I would try to aid you, should you prove penitent in living a life of future usefulness to your fellow men by giving your wife employment in the Mission till you could establish a character elsewhere for piety and sobriety – But when you resolved to settle down on the Cape and not go off to the West Indias or elsewhere I saw your penitence to be insincere, I told you that all that I had hitherto said in regard to your wife and self could have no force –

I still pray that God bring about a result to his Glory and the good of yourself

(Signed) T. S. S.

I do hereby certify that the foregoing are true copies of the Originals

Geo. Ruley
Capt. C. M. S.

Harper Md in Liberia
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