

anything that I can do, I shall do to shield you from con-
 viction on false grounds. But you have it seems broken the
 laws of the Colony. You therefore deserve and will inevitably
 receive the punishment due to the crime - and you wisely and pru-
 dently resolve to confess it before the court. I would do it. It
 certainly will be so far in your favor. If truly penitent you
 will do so. It is the very thing that 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
 receive compassion. In confessing before the court you'd
 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. Set it not be, that merely the detection
 of your wickedness proves the cause or ground of your repen-
 tance, but remember that God - an infinitely Holy God
 is offended - the wounds of Christ have been opened afresh
 by your conduct, and a member of his visible Body is pained -
 Yet, "God is very pitiful, and of tender mercy" - and says
 "Repent and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt
 be saved - Whosoever cometh unto me &c. - - -
 With prayers that your penitence may be of such a character,
 I am, &c. your friend
 Thomas S. Savage

Mr. Vaughan }
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 If you make any confession before the Court I
 shall 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
 leading a life of usefulness to your fellow men by giving your wife
 a home

employment in the Prison 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 Indies or elsewhere
 I saw again penitence to be necessary, 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 will bring
 about a result to his glory and the good of yourself -
 T.S.S.

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