

Extract of a Letter<sup>12</sup> from George N. McGill

"The last is a case that excited some considerable attention in the settlement which I have viewed originated from very improper motives for which I have been much grieved. I do not question that you will have a full detail of all of the whole occurrence in the despatches, Mr. Rufinuum who is more able than myself to make a proper statement, but I feel it to be my duty to make some statement not knowing what he has said on the subject. It is in relation to the case of James M. Thomson, who was charged with improper intercourse with native woman at Roboosah, also to have meddle with a girl that lived in the house with him. On Dr. Savage coming out here he being an Episcopal minister in attempting to establish the church and making ready for the Holy Sacrament he calls on Mr. Thomson preparatory than to Thomson appeared to have been in much distress and pleaded unworthy the Dr. S. laboured (as you will see in his letters that will accompany Mr. J. B. R.'s despatches) to extort confession of all his crimes under the promise of the strictest secrecy but after having got something out of him he then expelled him from the church & discharged him from the Mission directing him to leave the settlement separate from his wife and child and go into some part of the West Indies and remain until he had repented of his crime. It appeared that Mr. T. thought the punishment too much to undergo, did not comply and in consequence Dr. Savage revealed the secret to various of the settlers that were prejudicial to Thomson, he and them together reported the thing to one of the Magistrates one of the same name who called a court of enquiry where T. was summoned to appear. Dr. S. with all his train appeared and made their complaints nothing was established on the examination of Dr. S. he said he knew nothing but children talk unless they could satisfy him that Roboos was at a certain time belonging to the settlement there being no one able to tell. Mr. T. was dismissed, however after some weeks it was found out that the place did belong to the Colony at a certain date when another Court

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