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By the Sir Charles Forbes.

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3<sup>rd</sup> July, 1827

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By

Downing Street  
2<sup>d</sup> August 1826

Sir,

Although I can scarcely give credit to a statement which I have lately seen in one of the daily London Newspapers, that Savary, a convict, <sup>recently</sup> sent out from this Country for Forgery, has been employed ever since his arrival in Van Diemen's Land, as

Lieut. Governor Arthur

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as a Clerk in the Colonial  
Secretary's Office, yet I do not  
feel at liberty to disregard  
the report without referring to  
the Colony for information on  
the subject to which the Paragraph  
alludes.

I can scarcely imagine  
that you have so completely  
mistaken the duties of the  
high situation which you  
fill in the Colony, as to have  
authorized an Appointment of  
this nature, which is calculated  
to produce the worst effects  
on the minds of the Convicts.  
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in the Colony, as well as to lessen  
the terror of transportation which  
it has been recently so much  
the wish of His Majesty's Govern-  
ment to impress upon the Public  
in this Country. - A Convict

may indeed, by a long course  
of good conduct and correct  
behaviour, so far redeem his  
crimes, as to render his em-  
ployment in a public Situation  
of a subordinate character  
not objectionable, where men  
of sufficient ability and  
unblemished character are  
not easily met with, but it  
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would be a very mistaken lenity  
to shew equal indulgence to a  
person of this stamp on his  
first arrival in the Colony without  
any proof having been given  
of amendment, or security  
for future good behaviour  
and there can be no possible  
excuse for the obvious indiscretion  
of trusting an Individual of  
this description in a confidential  
situation, such as that in which  
the person who seems the  
subject of the Newspaper <sup>in question</sup> ~~in~~  
Paragraph is stated to be  
employed. - Should it therefore  
unfortunately

unfortunately be the case that the Report which has reached England is well founded, I have to express to you the strong disapprobation of His Majesty's Government of the line of conduct which you have pursued in this instance, and to direct that Savary be immediately dismissed from his Employment, and restored to the condition to which all other Convicts are subjected, and from which, when the circumstances of his case are considered, he ought not to have been taken.

I have the Honor to be

Sir

your obedient  
Humble Servant  
Arthur