Donning Street
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Sir,

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

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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.
in the colony, as well as to temper the terror of transportation which it has been recently so much the work of His Majesty's government 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 employment 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 would
would be a very mistaken liberty to their 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 their description in a confidential situation, such as that in which the person who seems the subject of the Newspaper is in question. 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 this 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 this case are considered, he ought not to have been taken.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient humble Servant,

Arthur