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of the Church of England robbed of its chief ornaments, the first and second  
30 lessons for the Day and also the communion service. No rehearsal  
of Gods Holy Law in the Reading Desk, nor in the pulpit the sweet  
sounding strains of the Gospel. I do not, I assure you, my Dear Sir feel any  
pleasure in recording the errors of clergymen, but as a member of the  
Church of England I judge I have a right, at least in a private letter,  
to lament the conduct of those who ought to be her faithful  
supporters, but who give occasion for dispensation, and lower her in  
the estimation of those who reluctantly withdraw from her communion.  
The people I have no doubt would hear, if the ministers would  
speak, and here a fair opportunity might offer for a Pastor of established  
piety to erect a noble standard to the honor of his Divine Master.  
Amongst such an hospitable people, schools might be established  
and supported without difficulty, and the minds of many brought  
over by the Divine Blessing upon the ordinary means of grace,  
without which nothing can be done, but with which every thing  
that is good may be done, to the obedience of Gods dear Children.

The Natives of Van Diemens Land have been very ill treated indeed  
and banished entirely from those parts which are colonized by Englishmen.  
Great numbers of them have been shot like Beasts of Prey by our people  
and the Bush Rangers who make their escape from the settlements, have  
(for fear of being discovered by means of any communication which the  
natives might have with the settlers) killed them without mercy. Hence  
the natives retaliate when they can, and commit depredations as  
they find opportunity. There are no natives at the settlements except