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Rev J. D. Smith

(Am^d Nov. 24/17, by the Post Office)

I have given an open letter for you to the Rev. B. Water, as I thought you probably wish to ask him a few questions about this distant part of the world. I am not sorry Mr. V. is leaving the Colony. he has caused much political confusion and dissent. The difference between the Government and him has gone to a very considerable extent, which will be still extended further - I have had my feelings much wounded occasionally by the Governor's conduct, at the same time I have conceived it to be my duty patiently to bear with present evils; and to remonstrate with those in Authority in England, and not to come to an open quarrel with the Governor, at least so far as that I could not live in the Colony - I condemn the Governor's conduct in some instances, towards Mr. V. such as bringing him to a Court martial - at the same time I think Mr. V. has acted very improperly -

M. V. is a very extraordinary man - he is not fit for
 W. S. Lydes. I think him very dangerous to the quiet
 of Society in a political sense - I also think a man
 who feared God, and wished to promote the Gospel,
 could never act in the way M. V. has done, and
 I think will continue to do - I am persuaded
 from his turn of mind, and public Declarations,
 that he will continue to molest the Governor
 if he returns to England. I should recommend
 his Representations in some Cases to be received
 with Caution, as I am sure they will be
 strong - He is a man of Ability as a public
 Speaker, and will draw a Congregation to
 him - but out of the Church - his Conduct
 here has been very strange, and very unlike
 a Clergyman, according to my Judgment.
 God may come out of evil - and I think
 in the present Instance it will -

Governor Maccagnan's Conduct cannot be approved
 at Home - M. W. will make it known - and another
 Governor may not possess so much Power, as
 this Governor does, or imagines he does -
 you will hear the particulars either thro' the
 medium of the public Press, or in some other
 way - I have just wrote three few Lines to
 suggest the Propriety of making allowances for
 strong Representatives as they either affect the
 Government of this Colony, or the Character
 of Private Individuals - I shall rejoice in
 when we have the pleasure to receive an honest
 zealous minister, that will feel a Pleasure in
 his public Duty -

we have had the most gratifying news from
 Abbeville - The Gospel is making wonderful
 Progress there - There stands in the South Seas
 will now become the Substrate of the Lord Jesus!
 may the Head of the Church bless every means for
 the Conversion of the Heathen - Yours
 Rev. J. Pratt
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