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Turner St. S. Wake March 20 1849

Rev. John Ford to the Secy.

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Dear Sir

Your very kind letter came to hand, and feel gratified so far as my remarks respecting our mutual friend the Rev. Mr. Murden were considered just by your honourable Society. I had no other object in view but your information and from the local knowledge I have had for some years of Mr. Murden's measures — can challenge any one to disprove them — It is no small satisfaction that the more Mr. M. has been attacked the more has shone, and of any one was in doubt. Those are removed and I truly believe, that the people in general, with only a solitary exception are so satisfied that they would appear as his friend — &c. —

It is a source of lamentation the various Fences that have still prevail — I fear that the interest of the colony will suffer — I have endeavoured to keep out of sight — many have carried things beyond the proper bound —

I have just returned from Van Diemen's Land where I have been for the benefit of its finer climate & the sea voyage — My health has been very indifferent for some months past with an intermitting complaint

Dear Mr Pratt —

Yours truly,