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I was recommended by an Officer high in Rank, and a  
known Friend to make my Escape. but I declined his  
Advice - as I should have been running from my Post  
without being regularly authorized. and as my Reasons  
for such a Step could never be fully explained to my  
Superiors, I judged it more prudent to submit to  
Authority, and to bear the Persecutions and Injuries  
which I laboured under for a time than to quit my  
Station. I am happy to say that the violence of the  
Storm has in some degree abated - it has spent itself  
and will require time to collect again. when I receive  
Answers to my Letters by the David Shaw I shall  
then determine upon my future line of Conduct.  
we hear no certain Tidings yet of a new Governor.  
under the present Administration I shall look for  
no Peace. never was true Religion more  
abhorred than in this Colony; and vice practiced.  
The last Sabbath was Whit Sunday. in the preceding  
week News arrived of the Queen's Death. no notice  
was taken of it by the Government, but public Horse  
Races were sanctioned all this week. till Saturday  
Evening by the Govt. which in such a Society <sup>ours</sup> as is  
attended with every kind of Vice. The Clergy have  
little Hope of any Reformation amongst the  
People under such Circumstances. one would have  
thought that the news of the Queen's Death, and  
the time being one of the Festivals of our Church  
would have prevented this solemn Season from being  
dedicated to such Sports by public Authority. I  
only mention this as an Instance of our State.