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My Dear Sir.

I have hitherto endeavored to consider you as a Father and as a friend, but the mysterious way in which you have acted, and your conduct towards me of late lead me to draw conclusions of a very different nature. I have learned that when you returned from New Zealand you immediately began to speak evil of me and mine

As a Minister of the Church of God! and a Magistrate of the British Realm to be charged with unfaithfulness or neglect of duty, either the one or the other is a Crime the very thought of which appals my heart and makes my Blood run cold.

However, I have one consolation and that no man taketh from me: that with all diligence and sincerity both mind & man have laboured to forward the objects of the Society and to promote the temporal & eternal happiness of the Heathen among whom we dwell. And I am now ready and prepared to meet every charge, and to give unto all men publicly a full and satisfactory account of every days work & slavery; both of myself and my Wife ever since we have been engaged in the service of the Society. Doubt the Society ere long will be in full possession of these facts, And there are living Witnesses who have seen with their eyes who will bear testimony to their truth. But since you have taken upon you to traduce my Character without any just cause