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Com. Jan. 27/24 Dear Sir

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As I know of no Ecclesiastical Authority which has Jurisdiction over these Settlements, I have often been greatly at a loss to know how to act in many things that have occurred in this Colony for the last 30 years relative to the established Church. I have been much perplexed for some time relative to the baptizing the Children of the Female Convicts who are confined in the Factory - This is a new Difficulty, and how to remove it I know not, without reference to those in Authority at Home. I am always unwilling to complain to the higher Powers, if this can be avoided. I have had several Conversations with His Excellency Sir Thos. Brisbane on this subject have written officially, and privately to him - His Excellency accords with me in opinion, but at the same time he does not remedy the evil - I have now written to the Bishop of London, and