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of the Service, and have suffered many Hardships and Privations) that I should be the only Person whose Reputation should be injured thro' the medium of the Sydney Gazette since the Establishment of the Settlement; I have had the satisfaction to know that my public Conduct, is with the Approbation of my Superior both here and at Home, and I trust I shall never do a single act that shall in the smallest degree stain my moral Character in the Opinion of an Impartial Public; I consider my Public Situation of infinite importance; The Eternal Happiness of thousands is committed to my Care, and I feel myself under the most solemn, and sacred obligations to God and my Fellow creatures to do all the good I can, and to prevent all the Evil so long as I have the Honor to fill this Sacred Office; Under this impression I collected when in England a few Books by personal Application to my Friends, as also I wrote to England for School Books as stated in my public Letter published in the Sydney Gazette on the 26th March, I had no object in what I