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did but to promote the best Interests of the In-
 habitants and their Children of these Settlements
 I stand in a sacred Relation to them, and am bound
 by the strongest Ties to do all I can to forward
 their temporal and eternal welfare; I have no
 doubt, when your Excellency considers how want-
 only, and unjustly I have been attacked, but
 you will allow me to say that I have been
 extremely ill treated by the Editor of the Sydney
 Gazette, without any cause or fault of mine;
 I consider his Conduct not only highly disrespect-
 ful to me as the Principal Chaplain of this Colony,
 but criminal. A Man is prepared to meet an
 Open Enemy, but he does not expect to be wounded
 in the very Bosom of his friends; The Editor of
 the Sydney Gazette is a servant of the Crown,
 and receives his Salary from Government; he
 cannot surely be justified in defaming the
 Reputation of any Member of that Government
 (under which he acts as a servant) thro' the medium
 of the Public Government Gazette; If this prin-
 ciple is once admitted it may be easily foretold
 what will soon be the fate of this Colony;