

At such a time and under such circumstances the letter signed Philo Free was laid before me as a Candidate for admission into the Gazette of that day, and I have no hesitation in saying that I felt a degree of satisfaction by the revival in it, of the Philanthropic Society Question, which in common with many other of its Members I had often lamented should have lain so very long in a dormant state. With this subject (which I do consider an interesting one) the letter commenced, and with it, it also ended, giving the first and last impressions and bias of my mind exclusively to that favorite object.

In my earnest desire to see something done in this business I may perhaps have overlooked some intermediate passages, irrelevant to the Main Subject and which perhaps on a more leisure perusal I should have objected to, on the ground that they might be considered by some persons as tending to convey a Reflection on one or more of a respectable body of Religionists, whilst at the same time I cannot say that I do even now, consider that such construction is a fair or liberal one. If however my hasty perusal of that letter, and my not having sufficiently appreciated the tendency of those intermediate Passages may induce any Law Process such as Mr Marsden is desirous of, I shall regret it, as a Measure which in every point of view it is my wish to avoid.

Mr Marsden having taken so decided a step as that of filing a Criminal Information against the Printer, without making me any Official communication previously on the subject, Altho' he must be aware that

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