

I have had the Letter much in consideration; because if I could ^{have} satisfied myself, that in the plain obvious and natural construction of it, the Writer of the Letter must be understood to designate and therefore have in purpose maliciously to defame any particular Person or Individuals (as to constitute a Libel, the Writing, you are aware, must descend to Particulars and refer to Individuals and not be of general Observation only or against a particular order of Men) I should have felt it my duty and would have performed that Duty of filing and Exhibiting, as Judge Advocate of the Colony, a public Charge against the Printer, unless the Author had been given up. — but I really have been and am unable to fix upon any passage from any knowledge that I have, which by Innuendo in any Judgment I could shew as reflecting upon yourself or any particular Individual — all the Observations and remarks in Terms and construction are limited and pointed to the Islands and Inhabitants of the Islands in the Pacific, which however absurd, idle or evidently not in purpose with the apparent Object or satisfactory to the presumed Intention of the Writer, yet if the inevitable deduction and necessary sense of the language and sentences used must be construed and taken as the only proper and real meaning sense and tendency of the passage, or object and design of the Composer. —

There is you will perceive a locality pervading the construction of every sentence, that leaves the direction of its application where it originates, in the Islands and Inhabitants of the Islands in the Pacific — thus the worthy "Head of the Visionaries" as the Visionaries and sectarians themselves must relatively and constructively be placed there also; for the relative Adverse "there" completely limits and confines the Parties designated to the situation previously pointed out, and there is no antecedent whatever but "the Inhabitants of the Islands." — before observed
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