

but some advised, who presuming himself qualified to  
 instruct you on the occasion, has led you unwarily to  
 commit yourself, in not observing that proper respect, which,  
 I would believe, you never would intentionally forget to  
 pay to that office I have the honor of holding in this  
 Territory - for might I not leave it to your own candour  
 and Judgment on reflection to resolve, whether considering  
 my station and your own in this Colony as well as the  
 particular circumstances of the subject in question, it  
 could reasonably or becomingly be suggested in complaint,  
 that due respect had not been had to your rank and  
 situation, when in truth such considerations ought not  
 in the first instance to have had any influence or weight  
 in the previous necessary determination, how far the libellous  
 Letter referred to could justly be alledged to have been  
 directed against or to have designated any particular  
 Individual, and in the result, an inability to trace  
 him precluded all consideration of Character or Situation  
 The charge too, that the same Indulgence had not been  
 granted you as usual to any British Subject, cannot  
 justly or consistently surely be made, when the whole  
 merits of the application and acquiescence depend, not  
 upon the custom and rules of practice prevailing in the  
English Courts of Law, but entirely upon a distinct  
local Jurisdiction especially committed to and vested  
 in a peculiar Authority - nor can I think that it would  
 be esteemed respectful or proper in any Individual  
 to adopt the language of remonstrance and at length  
 the presumed merit of "waving all objections" on a  
 point, which is solely referable to and wholly determina-  
 ble by the Exercise of that discretion, which is  
 entrusted by the Government to the Judge Advocate  
 of this Territory. —