

any number of persons to depose to the same Effect; of two or three Friends, that the letter and matter complained of as libelous in the Government Gazette was directed against and intended to designate yourself - how then am I to account for, or tolerate the statement, so indecorously because so untrue alleged in your Letter, that I had expressed myself as not considering myself warranted "in my official capacity to prefer a public Indictment," when over and over again I personally declared, as I professed in my Letter, that I should very readily exhibit at the next Court of Criminal Jurisdiction any proper charge you might have in desire to present - no difficulty whatever, as falsely suggested, I am satisfied, by your advised, and incautiously adopted by yourself, was at any moment raised by me against your complaint being heard -

In England certain beneficial consequences result from a Criminal Information being filed Ex officio by the Attorney General, but in our Court there are no particular advantages from the Judge Advocate officially exhibiting the Information, without the intervention of the party, be then your charge preferred as suggested, which on my part has received nothing of disapprobation or impediment, and with respect to which I am still as I have constantly expressed myself to be, ready and willing to afford you any proper official assistance - but as I have to perform the duty - which devolves not, be it remembered upon the Attorney General in the English Courts, not only of Exhibiting, but of sitting in future Judgment upon the case, I can have no doubt, but that with me you will feel it necessary