

Com. Mar. 9/18.

Letter to him of Jan. 23/18 - (not sent)

Paramatta January 28th 1817 -

Sir,

First - It is extraordinary that Mr Judge Advocate Wylde should express surprise at being made the medium of Communication, when he himself sent Copies of Mr Campbells Letters and also the Governor, and for what Purpose they were so sent except to draw out some answer, it would be difficult to guess.

Secondly. I do not know wherein I have shown a want of Respect to Mr Wylde; I feel justified in saying, that considering my Rank and Station in the Colony (to use his own words) he had displayed a want of Regard to me, as a Clergyman, and Principal Chaplain in the Colony in which Respect, Mr Wylde who stands so much upon his own dignity ought to have been the last to have been deficient towards others. - He seems indeed to have conveyed up the Adviser he alludes to, in order under the Appearance of dealing his Blows at a Shadow, he may inflict them with less discredit to himself, on me. -

Thirdly. If the Point is solely referable to the Judge Advocate which I can by no means admit; for it is in the Power of the Criminal Court when it meets, to order any Information to be filed; there required little to have been said, and less written upon the Subject. But Mr Wylde himself doubts his own Jurisdiction and called upon me to state, whether any Person had ever been prosecuted in this Colony for a Libel; and there is little doubt, that had it not been clear, that himself and those in the highest Station would not escape libellous Attacks if such a Proposition was held to be Law - (that a Libel could not be tried in the Colony) but that a total Stop would have been put to the Proceedings that I wished to institute in Vindication of my Reputation. I would then ask if Mr. W. was the sole Person to whom this Point was referable, why he communicated with the Governor, or any other Person on the Subject.

Fourthly. If the Adviser is beneath displeasure, or Regard, why