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why does he shew the one, and attempt the other; and if the Observations display ignorance, why does he express Surprise at their legal Terms, when nothing more could have been expected from me, not professing legal Knowledge.

Fifthly. - We know very well that the Attorney General never files ex-officio Informations, except for attacks upon the State, upon public morals, the members of the Royal Family, and the highest Characters in the State or Government. I think he will allow that I fill as high a Station in the ecclesiastical department in this Colony, as he does in the Law. and I should think it an Attack upon the religious Establishment to call the principal Chaplain a Christian Mahomet; and most certainly Informations have been filed by the Attorney General in less aggravated Cases, making allowance for the Inferiority of Colonial Appointments.

I am well aware that it is in the discretion of the Court of Kings Bench upon what terms they will grant criminal Informations, and that the general Rule is, that the party applying should not only make affidavit, that they are directed against him, but that they are false and unfounded. I made my Application to Mr Wyldes in strict Conformity to that Rule; no Criminal Court being sitting at that time.

Sixthly. - I deny that the especial Jurisdiction here, is committed solely or at all to the Judge Advocate. It rests with the Court of Criminal Jurisdiction, but the Practice has gradually been introduced of applying to the Judge Advocate because he is directed to reduce the Charge into Writing and exhibit the same, and he is in that respect the ministerial Officer of the Court, and answers to the Master of the Crown Office in the Kings Bench.

No observations were made by me on Mr Wyldes Conduct but he himself thought it right to state his Grounds of acting in a long Letter, which produced my Answer.

It does not rest solely with the Attorney General, Mr Wyldes must forget the Court of Kings Bench.

Affidavits