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to the Individual who may be affected by any
Libel published in this paper is far more extensive
and inflicts a deeper wound - I beg also to observe
to your Lordship that the injured person can have
little chance of obtaining redress at this remote distance
from home, and under the peculiar local circumstances
of this Colony however much he may suffer in his char-
acter or peace of mind - In all cases like this the
Honour of Government must be affected if justice is
not done to the injured individual - and in the present
instance there can be no comparison, My Reputation
though dear to me is not to be weighed in the same
balance with the reputation of Government; - under
such circumstances I would humbly submit to your
Lordship, whether any solitary individual can enter-
tain a reasonable hope, that he shall obtain redress
however fair his claims - I am a Member of Government
myself, and am fully aware of how much importance
it is to support the respectability of persons in high
official situations for the good of His Majesty's service,
and the general welfare of Society, and none would be
more unwilling to cast a stain upon the public char-
acter of any man in a public situation, than myself -
at the same time, it would not be doing justice to my
own public and private character to suffer my reputa-
tion to be wounded, and my good name defamed, in
every part of the world through the medium of the
Sydney Gazette, without making some exertion to
protect myself, from such dark and secret attempts
to injure me.

I have held the sacred situation which I now
hold under this Government for more than Twentythree