

years, I believe to the general satisfaction, and I am confident, My Lord, without being once supposed ever to have done any thing derogatory to the dignity of my situation, either as under this Government, or as in connection with those Societies, for which I have the honour to act in this part of the world — therefore your Lordship will see, that if the confidential servants of the Crown will permit one of the Members of the Government to be falsely stigmatized in dark and anonymous publications through a channel which is only open to themselves, that the reflection must fall upon Government itself, and that it must in a certain degree, thereby lose its respectability, but how much more so, My Lord, if those being confidential servants of the Crown themselves, will have recourse to this secret and ruinous way of injuring the character of a Member of the Government — especially as a power is delegated to them of taking public cognizance of such insinuations and innuendoes were founded upon fact — and by the enclosed documents, your Lordship will find, that this most deadly weapon has, more than once, been wielded against me by one of the Confidential servants of the Crown, and joined to the public through a Government paper, thereby obtaining the appearance of Government sanction, and leaving an impression, which no document, afterwards published in order to withdraw Government Concurrence, can do away — Neither My Lord, have I any means of defending myself, in this Colony, from the wanton attacks made upon me in the Sydney Gazette, nor of repelling them when made, but by an appeal, either to the executive