

December 8<sup>th</sup> 1817

My Lord

In addition to the above documents, I beg to make a few further remarks for the information of your Lordship —

When I was libelled through the same channel, on a former occasion, alluded to in the Deposition of Richard Jones, Esq. I applied for redress to his Excellency Governor Macquarie, who refused to order the printer to give up the author, but told me, by Letter, that I must apply to a Court of Justice if I were dissatisfied. I knew I was at the time, too weak to contend with those in power, and was therefore, compelled to submit to the odium and scandal thrown upon my public character, by the anonymous publication in the Sydney Gazette, however much my feelings were wounded.

When the letter "Philo Free" appeared in the same Gazette, I complained again to his Excellency, who could easily have ordered the Editor (as being a servant of the Crown) to give up the author of the said letter, and which I conceived I had a right, in common justice to expect, as being an Officer serving the present Government. If his Excellency had done this, it would have saved me much trouble, vexation and expence — I told his Excellency at the time, that I should not rest satisfied, till I should bring the author of the libel to justice, and that I had no doubt but that I should finally discover who that was — At length I obtained sufficient proof (part of which has been laid before your Lordship) against John Thomas Campbell, Esq. the Governor's Confidential Secretary to bring the matter to a legal investigation, though in doing this I met with the greatest opposition from