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without due examination, and to publish this in  
the Government General orders as a fact, whereas  
the contrary has been proved, on the clearest evidence,  
before the Supreme Court. — Had the evil effects  
of the Libel been confined to these Settlements, I  
should not have taken any public notice of it  
whatever — But as it was sent into the world,  
under such an apparent public sanction, and likely  
in its operation to affect the character of many  
innocent individuals I felt myself compelled to  
appeal to the Courts of Justice, in order to justify my  
own public reputation, and to defend that of those  
who are associated with me in promoting the Civiliza-  
tion of the natives in the South Sea Islands —

I am informed, My Lord, that the Libel hath already  
found its way to the Asiatic Mirror, and probably  
before this period may also have been noticed in  
other public papers in different parts of the world —  
There can be no doubt but that it was the Author's  
intention that it should be as publicly and universally  
known, as the light of the Sun, and that it should  
injure the general Interest of the Societies in the  
public opinion, and expose them and their Missionaries  
to unmerited odium and Contempt —

Having made the above Remarks, I leave  
with Confidence, my Complaint to your Lordship's  
favourable Consideration —

The recent circumstances will clearly shew the  
spirit of hostility, that hath long existed against  
me without Cause, and the trying situation in  
which I have been placed — and will, I trust also,  
explain the reasons why your Lordship was ever  
troubled with any representations of my Conduct,  
which I am told to assert has been always regular & uniform.