

Thomas Campbell, Esq. put into the hands of Mr. George Howe, Master printer, a certain paper which contained a Letter addressed to the Editor or printer of the Sydney Gazette which Letter was signed "Philo Free". This deponent further maketh oath and saith that there was no other person at that particular time working in the printing Office but himself, and that on the delivery of the said Letter "Philo Free" to Mr. George Howe Master printer by the aforesaid John Thomas Campbell, Esq. Secretary to the Governor of this Colony, the aforesaid Mr. George Howe immediately gave the said Letter "Philo Free" to this deponent to Compose for the Sydney Gazette, and to the best of the opinion and belief of this deponent, the aforesaid letter was in the hand writing of John Thomas Campbell, Esq. Secretary to the Governor of this Colony, and that he (this Deponent) composed the whole of this letter signed "Philo Free" for the Sydney Gazette previous to the said letter being printed and published in the said Sydney Gazette. This Deponent further maketh oath and saith that the aforesaid original letter was returned to the said Mr. George Howe by this Deponent for the purpose of been given or sent to the aforesaid John Thomas Campbell, Esq. Secretary to the Governor of this Colony, he having ordered Mr. George Howe, Master printer to do so. This Deponent further maketh oath and saith that John Thomas Campbell, Esq. Secretary to the Governor of this Colony is not in the habit of coming to the printing office but on urgent occasions, and that no papers whatever, that are sent for insertion in the Sydney Gazette are ever submitted for the sanction of the said John Thomas Campbell, Esq. Secretary to the Governor of this Colony, until the ~~said~~ proof sheet of the said Sydney Gazette is sent from the printing Office to the said John Thomas Campbell, Esq. Secretary to the Governor of this Colony for his approval.

(signed) George Williams

Sworn before me this  
eighteenth day of March 1817

S. Lord, J.P.