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complaining of certain Acts of his Excellency's Government  
and that he (the said George Howe) was ordered at his  
peril not to keep the said George Williams in his employ,  
and that he (the said George Howe) had remonstrated with  
his Excellency the Governor, for turning Williams out of  
the printing Office, and stated to his Excellency that he  
could not carry on his various duties without the assistance  
of Williams, but that all his efforts were of no avail, the  
order was more positively insisted on — and the said  
George Howe then also informed this Deponent, that it  
was in consequence of the said George Williams's being  
turned out of the printing Office, that he the said George  
Williams gave private information who was the author  
of the letter signed "Philo Free", and the said George Howe  
then also informed this Deponent, that at the time the  
said George Williams was composing the said letter "Philo  
Free" his (the said George Howe's) son, Robert Howe  
came to him, the said George Howe and said, "Father  
for God's sake do not print the Letter "Philo Free", it is  
so gross a Libel, you will get into trouble about it" —  
To which the said George Howe stated he answered  
"I have no choice, print it let the consequence be what  
it may" — and this Deponent saith that the said several  
statements were made by the said George Howe of his  
own voluntary accord to this Deponent, that the said  
conversation was entirely begun and introduced by  
the said George Howe, of his own motion — that  
this Deponent had no idea of asking the said  
George Howe any question whatever relative to the  
Letter "Philo Free" nor of receiving any kind of  
information thereon from the said George Howe.

Sworn before me at my Chambers  
This 13<sup>th</sup> Day of November 1817

(Signed) John Mylde  
Judge Advocate  
A.S.M.