

wanton provocations, and unmerited attacks, that have for a long period, been made upon me by your Excellency's Secretary. It is with much pain and regret that I feel myself compelled to trouble your Excellency with the present Complaint, and to advert to past Circumstances in order to put your Excellency into full possession of the treatment, I have received, from Mr. Campbell at different times.

In the year 1814 two anonymous letters were published in the Sydney Gazette, which I conceived contained a false, scandalous, and malicious Libel upon my Character - the one on the 19th March, the other on the 2nd April, I immediately wrote to the Printer to request him to give up the Author of these anonymous letters, which he refused to do - As the Printer of the Sydney Gazette was a servant of the Crown, and the Gazette published under the sanction of Government, on the 9th of April I made an official application to your Excellency, requesting your Excellency would direct the Government, Printer to give up the Author of these anonymous letters. In answer to my application, your Excellency was pleased to refer me to the Court of Justice for redress, if I felt myself aggrieved - Here the matter rested, as I had not then sufficient proof to proceed any further from my inability to obtain positive knowledge of the Author - If the information said to be since given by the Printer & Publisher of the Gazette, be true, Mr. Campbell was also then my secret Enemy as being the Author or Publisher of one or both of these anonymous Letters - The malignancy of Mr. Campbell's disposition towards me did not again publicly manifest itself till the appearance of another anonymous letter in the Sydney Gazette on the 4th Jan^y 1817 signed "Philo Free." As your Excellency had on the occasion I have mentioned, referred me to the Court of Justice, I did not feel myself justified, in troubling your Excellency a second time with any official application for redress, but adopted the recommendation pointed out to me in your Excellency's answer to my first request, and brought my Complaint before the legal Tribunals - Mr. Campbell was found guilty of the Publication of this anonymous Libel in the Criminal Court, and afterward, in the Court of Supreme Judicature. In the former when a Verdict was given in my favor. I flattered myself there would have been a Termination to a business which had subjected me to so much Public Suspicion, uneasiness of mind, trouble and expense; but in this expectation