

I was disappointed; when Mr Campbell's Solicitor Mr Gairing at the close of the Criminal proceedings Publicly asserted in open Court, that, had he precluded his Client, from Justifying the allegations in the Libel, by filing a Criminal information instead, of bringing my action into the Civil Court. This observation calculated to impress the Public mind with the most unfavorable Ideas of my Cause, naturally suggested, (in support of my own Character only) the necessity I was under to afford every facility to Mr Campbell's Justification and therefore when thus urged, I brought my cause for Trial into the Supreme Court, which I most solemnly declare to your Excellency was my only motive for doing so, whatever less worthy Causes may have been attributed to my Conduct on this occasion; and I conceive if I had not pursued that line of Conduct, I should not have done Justice to my own Character, nor even have removed from the Public mind those disgraceful Impressions, the Publication of such a letter as "Phil's Free" was calculated to have made - I doubt not your Excellency's penetration of mind will enable you clearly to perceive that in either action I could have had no worse motive, than that of endeavouring to defend my Reputation and Character from such unmerited attacks. Upon the Trial in the Supreme Court of Civil Judicature, it appeared in Evidence given by Mr. M. Robinson, Principal Clerk in your Secretary's office, that the letter "Phil's Free" had been copied by Mr Campbell, and that he had seen it in Mr Campbell's possession, and in his hand writing, a circumstance fully corroborated by the Evidence of George Williams the Printer, before the Criminal Court, who stated that he saw Mr Campbell deliver the letter "Phil's Free" to Mr Geo Howe the Master Printer at the Printing Office, who handed it over immediately to him with orders to compose it for the press, which he did, and afterwards printed it. In contrasting these circumstances with the official letter sent by Mr Campbell to the Judge Advocate on the subject; as well as with the Government. General order of the 15<sup>th</sup> of Jan<sup>y</sup> published in the Sydney Gazette, in what light does the Veracity of Mr Campbell appear? was it possible for Mr Campbell to copy the anonymous letter with his own Hand, to take it afterwards to the Press, to deliver it afterwards into the hands of Mr Howe, Printer of the Gazette, and give directions to him to Publish