

Publish it without knowing its contents? and must Mr. Campbell not have known
 when he sub-affixed his signature to Government General Order above alluded to,
 that the pressure of Public business was not the cause as mentioned in said
 General order, which states, "Your Excellency's request, that it should, inadvertently,
 from the great pressure of Public Business, in the Secretary's Office have
 got admission into the Gazette." At the very time Mr. Campbell copied and
 published that libel. He was Your Excellency's private secretary, a Magistrate
 throughout the Territory of New South Wales, and counsel of the Press, as he
 hath been pleased to style himself in his own letter before mentioned,
 would any man of strict Veracity, placed in such sacred, honorable,
 and confidential situations by Your Excellency, be guilty of such
 unpardonable conduct, I would ask can the Character and Peace of
 any individuals in these Settlements be secure, however high their
 Rank. Holding His Majesty's Commissions, of Men who fill the exalted
 Stations of Magistrates can forget the dignity of their sacred Office,
 and duty to the Public so far, as wantonly to wound the reputation,
 and injure the good name of any of His Majesty's servants or subjects
 by the Publication of anonymous libels. With respect to my present
 Complaint, I would most readily submit Mr. Campbell's letter to me on
 the 3^d Inst^t to any Gentleman of Honor and impartiality, I would
 ask His Majesty's Judges, to say if after reading that Letter whether
 it was not the apparent design of Mr. Campbell to associate me
 with the most abandoned Convicts in these Settlements, and at
 a time also when some of these were suspected to be engaged in
 the Blackest Crime — However depraved the Convicts may be
 however much they may be hardened in Crime, I would please
 my existence that there is not a single Convict in the colony so lost
 to all feeling of humanity, so destitute of all respect for authority,
 and so blood thirsty as to form a conspiracy to cut off Your Excellency
 and all your family, and your staff, and the Rev^d Mr. Cooper — where
 I refer to that part of Mr. Campbell's letter, in which he states a
 "Dragon" waits my reply. I would submit to Your Excellency's
 Judgment