

Judgements, what my feelings of indignation were upon the receipt of such a communication, from a man from whom I have received such repeated and wanton public attacks, on my Character, tho' I should have conceived that my holding His Majesty's Commission as Senior Chaplain to this Territory would have screened me from the gross Insults I have met with from Mr. Campbell, or any other Private Individual, - on the receipt of my Answer by the "Dragoon," Mr. Campbell observes "one object will be" "the result, which is that His Majesty's Brig Lady Nelson will be" "dispatched to New Castle as soon as possible, after the arrival of the" "Beara hereof (a Dragoon) with your answer." - I would ask what communication was to be made to your Excellency by H. M. Brig Lady Nelson? nothing less than that the Senior Chaplain was privy to "this mysterious subject" the "diabolical purpose" to cut off your Excellency, your lady, your Child, your Excellency's Staff the Rev. Mr. Cowper and several other persons, and "that this alarming report had just reached Mr. Campbell's ears, from which he felt himself called upon" as well by loyalty and affection, as by official duty, to request that I would furnish him "as expeditiously as possible, with such information" as I might possess "on this mysterious subject," and concludes by observing, that he had "only to express the utmost reliance on my loyalty and zeal on the occasion." - After the departure of the Dragoon with my answer, what serious consequences might I not apprehend would follow from the suspicion, that I was privy to the "diabolical purpose to cut off your Excellency and all your Family, and staff. How dreadful the Idea? How horrid the Imputation, that such a "diabolical purpose" (had such existed) could have laid concealed, in my Bosom for a single moment, - The combination of all the horrid Ideas that reflection naturally excites on the occasion appeals the Imagination, harrows up every indignant feeling in the Breast, chills the Blood, and shocks every nerve of the human frame.