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I told him what I was suffering at that very moment,  
by the Detention of the Active when ready for Sea,  
till the Bonds were drawn up for me to execute,  
binding me to pay the Debts of three poor Surveys  
who had only been a few weeks in N. S. waters  
and had lived at my Table all the time, and did not  
owe a Penny. I also told him that I thought it a very  
hard Case that I sh<sup>d</sup>. be compelled to pay for Bonds at  
his Office for men who owed nothing who were  
not connected with the civil world, and had only come  
here on a visit to me, and had been maintained at my  
Expence - The Judge Advocate felt the Injustice, and said  
he would return the money, but this has not been done.  
He wished to prevent me from appealing to the Laws  
of my Country. I told him, my mind was made up  
on this Subject, and whatever was the Consequence  
I would not change my Purpose. I sh<sup>d</sup>. new my Conduct  
was correct, & I sh<sup>d</sup>. not obey the Colony to say the  
contrary. I now prepared myself to meet all that Power  
Influence, Law, and Cunning could do, my mind now  
was relieved - I had determined upon the line of  
Conduct I sh<sup>d</sup>. pursue - I had but one Point to carry,  
which was to convict Campbell of the Libel - If I  
convicted him, my own Reputation would be publicly  
vindicated, and Campbell if not conquered, he would  
be very much crippled in his future Attacks.  
Few men I believe <sup>have</sup> had a more difficult Task