

landed in N. S. Wales the same evil reports would
 be circulated there against Mr Shepherd, as were
 propagated here, which would greatly distress his
 poor Father - I was therefore resolved as far as
 possible to prevent this scandal - I sent for Mr
 Shepherd, informed him what I had heard, and
 called upon him to vindicate his character
 which he shewed the greatest willingness to do.
 I sent for the Rev^d Butler and requested the
 Rev^d Samuel Leigh to be present, who happened to
 be at Middlebridge, and as many of the Ministers
 as I could collect at the time - The investigation
 ended much to the credit of Mr Shepherd
 and not less to my satisfaction - It is impossible
 to conceive to what a painful height the evil
 of defamation had arisen amongst the Chris-
 tians, which had produced want of love, of
 confidence, and of every christian feeling.
 It is melancholy to reflect, that the greatest
 part of this scandalous conduct, has originated
 with those who should have set a very different
 example to their colleagues - Mr B was
 greatly agitated, during this investigation
 and his feelings wounded - I think of any
 thing can be a warning to him of any
 thing can subdue his stubborn pride, it is
 what he has lately, and is now suffering,
 and will have to suffer before his mind reco-
 vers a state of quiet and peace - What a dreadful
 tormentor is a Mans conscience, when it is
 permitted to operate, visited with wounded pride, and
 merited contempt - When Men are bad themselves