

Baptist Church

Gentlemen

I write to inform you, that being one of the first settlers of the Colony, I am necessarily acquainted with all the circumstances of the same. I have been an officer, both in Elections and appointments, and I have always maintained, without fear, favour, or affection, to discharge the duties imposed upon me. I am a supporter of religion, and morality, consistent with our laws. This course has subjected me to great deal of prejudices from the contrary, to which our first Governor can give testimony if he would. This true & honest, absent from these duties for some two or three years, during my employment in the M. E. Mission, but circumstances have so changed that I have been located in the Colony for the last two years. This was not the case then I was appointed to the Office of Civil Magistrate, which I resigned on my departure, even without my knowledge until seeing my Appointment. I am sorry to say that intemperance & immorality was a making such rapid strides in Community that it required the strong arm of the law, to detect & expose it. I therefore felt it my duty to be at my post and to be faithful in the discharge of my duties. This was the means of creating in the bosoms of a few individuals an evil malicious spirit towards me & they endeavoured to raise a fire for the purpose of having me consumed in it, by circulating false reports which could not be proven. In my office as a Magistrate I have had the great bulk of business of the Colony, the people resort to me from all parts of the Settlement.

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II. Correspondence Received  
A. Letter Books

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