

settling his business with me, and giving me a discharge, he would be proposing something or other for me to do, and reverting frequently to my painful case, so as to tantalize me, & ~~excite~~ my feelings; using the information he had received from ~~me~~ as a cudgel wherewith to crack my head were I to make any objection to his proposals. This I could bear no longer; and, at length, one day, after waiting on his equivocating movements, as I thought, long enough, I addressed him in a manner rather abrupt which very much irritated him, and, without any regard to his solemn promise, he let out the whole matter, first to Mr. Wilson, and then to the colonists one after another.

Some time after this, when I found that every colonist, with the exception of two or three only, was against me; and my case docketed for the monthly Court of Sessions, I really began to feel sorry that I had spoken to Savage in the rash manner which I did, although it cannot be denied but that his conduct towards me at the time was too aggravating for the meekest man to bear, much less a man whose temper is so irritable as mine has become in this country.

Well, I made an acknowledgment of my faults and the offence I had given him - requested his forgiveness, and entreated him as a minister to show me some friendship & charity. The letter was written in the deepest humility - with a sense of having wronged him - and with a reliance on him for mercy, not favours, and a desire of his intercession for me at the Throne of Grace.

Now Sir, no matter what he might have thought of all this, it is enough, that the merciful Lord was privy to the secret workings of my heart, and knew my object in thus writing - The latter part of the following letter, No. 4, will prove how much this man regarded the truth, or how much he could have been guided by the dictates of his conscience.

At the time of my trial at Court I produced the inclosed papers; and if you are not acquainted with that clause

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