

lead to going into this on the opposite side  
if no more is attempted to be sustained  
than my not being bloodthirsty or revengeful  
but the contrary. And my manner & constant  
deportment in my own house - It can be  
fully proved I think that I have been a  
devoted & affectionate father & that my  
happiness was centered in home - my habits  
of instruction, neglecting &c with my family  
are known to many. Witnesses to this I can  
give a long list of. I am more anxious  
to save the feelings of my family & friends  
than for almost any thing else, and if  
the defense from character is reserved  
for you to embody in closing it will  
probably have as much weight as

from any direct testimony. I may mention  
(tho' it may seem unnecessary & egotistical)  
that I & my <sup>wife</sup> family are members of Ben<sup>d</sup> D  
G. O. Church & the others of the College Church  
& regular communicants. To say to you that  
I am innocent of this charge & cannot say