

M'Pherson and Nathaniel P. Buckley, that he had never heard any conversation of the kind.

*Sworn before me, at York, aforesaid,
this 27th day of June, 1823.*

(Signed.) G. POWELL, J. P.

(Signed.) J. BRIDGELAND.

M'Pherson, the person mentioned in these Affidavits, is a man of a notoriously bad character, who has been frequently committed to Gaol, for insolent and improper conduct; and Mr. Willis could have learned his character from almost every person in Town. He is a man with whom I have never spoken a word in my life.—Nathaniel P. Buckley, the other person mentioned, now a Clerk in the Crown Office, came out from England as a Servant to Mr. Willis; and whether from motives of gratitude, appears, from this and other complaints of Mr. Willis', to have made it a practice of repeating to Mr. Willis, every idle tale he hears to his prejudice, even such as are spoken of in the Crown Office; and if he did state, what Mr. Willis says he did, (which I very much doubt) he has made a statement utterly destitute of truth.

M'Pherson had not the hardihood to say my conversation was directed to himself, but in order to make his story bear the semblance of truth, and that my words should appear to have the effect of doing Mr. Willis a greater injury, he supposed it necessary that I should have made use of the expressions "*Ras-*

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