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Sir

As I have been much annoyed by the reports of malicious individuals, who have circulated reports which if true would be a discredit to the spirits of the imperial regions, and as I in the presence of God and the world declare them to be false and wicked in the extreme, I do hereby declare my firm allegiance to the crown of Great Britain - which thing I have a right to do in consequence of being a natural born British Subject

I therefore claim the protection of the laws of my country, in the protection of my Person and Property, which Laws I am bound to depend and will do so whenever required ~~to do so~~ - Evil disposed persons have endeavoured to injure me by the circulation of reports as base as could be invented by the most abandoned and degenerate of the sons of men -

If I have said or done any thing against the Laws of any country, against the crown of Great Britain or the general Jurisdiction of the British Empire, I hereby declare my entire ignorance of it and would most sincerely ask her Majesty's Pardon

I therefore wish you not to be too credulous as to what you hear but if any thing be said, I pray you see accused and assume face to face. I am willing to appear before you or any other officer of her Majesty's Empire and State under oath every act of my life which I esteem dishonourable, -

But if wicked men stalk forth wolves in Sheeps clothing it is time their deeds were examined and their validity examined into - I remain Sir your

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