

Mr. Young to Mr. Pentland.

" MY DEAR PENTLAND,

Mr. Irvine stated under an alternative that Mr. Pope intended to deceive; such an imputation should not be cast on a gentleman, and being improper should be withdrawn, unless done, therefore our correspondence is at an end. You will remember that it was re-opened by you after you had arranged a meeting.

Yours very truly,
JOHN YOUNG.

7th Dec., 1854.

Mr. Pentland to Mr. Young.

" MY DEAR YOUNG.

In answer to your last note, I beg to say that I await your convenience at my office.

Yours truly,
J. C. PENTLAND.

7th Dec., 1854.

Upon receipt of this communication, I proceeded to Mr. Pentland's office, and arranged with him that the hostile meeting should take place between Messrs. Irvine and Pope the next morning, at 11 o'clock. Mr. Pentland stating that his principal could not be ready at half past 7 (the time first agreed upon) as he had yet to procure his pistols.

The next morning (Friday) about half past 9 o'clock, I called on Mr. Pentland who informed me that he had been unable to procure pistols for Mr. Irvine. Thereupon I said that his principal could have one of Mr. Pope's pistols. (I had been authorised by Mr. Pope the night before to make this offer, in case any difficulty should arise on the part of the challenger to procure weapons.) Mr. Pentland accepted the offer and we then secured the attendance of a medical gentleman.

At 11, we arrived on the ground together. The principals bowed to one another, and Mr. Pentland and I loaded the pistols. We then measured off fourteen paces as the distance. We then returned to the place where we had left the principals. I then proceeded to conduct Mr.