

I have been faultily brief where greater fulness was in justice required, I will only thank the man that will do all this better than I have done it. I did what I could; and possibly the judgment of posterity may be, that if I did no more than cause the author of the SEQUEL to put his pen to paper, my work was so far useful.

I have said what I am prepared for; I would like to add what I am not prepared for: I am not prepared to enter into any personal matter of any kind with the author of the SEQUEL. If I am wrong in any point, I ask no one to defend me; if I am defensible, I have, no doubt, all the friends who will be needed to do me justice.

I wish to thank you for your space, and also, in conclusion, to congratulate you on being so hearty and well in the second half of your editorial century.

And I am,

Yours sincerely,

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Since writing the above letter, by the courtesy of John Lovitt, Esq., M. P., I have the book in my possession; and, as far as my time would permit, I have given some attention to this historical production, which the author, with mock humility, has named a SEQUEL. And, as the author appears to me to imply, in his Preface, a censure of you, Gentlemen, who signed that Testimonial, I feel that I owe you some explanatory answer to the things alleged, and I have some hope that you will think with me, after I have answered this indictment — drawn out to his eighty-fifth page, that we may, justly and fairly, ask with Horace,

*"Quid dignum tanto feret hic promissor hiatu?"*

*Parturiunt montes; nascetur ridiculus mus!"*

For surely some great fault should justify so long a charge.

On page 28, some sporadic comment is made with reference to my journeys to Pubnico and elsewhere. I am not ashamed to admit that I had to make very many journeys to all parts of the County, as well as several to the Record Office in Halifax. I had no other way of gaining much of that information which, doubtless, I would have acquired more easily had I been born and brought up in the County. I have no doubt that when the authorities of King's College invited Competitive Essays on the History of the County, that there