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The following is my answer to said letter :

" Hamilton, 4th October, 1861.

" ISAAC BUCHANAN, Esq.,

" SIR.—You letter of 2nd instant, I received in the afternoon of that day.

" Your *threat* at the end thereof, will not prevent me from placing myself and the matters in question in the right position, which you have in your said letter endeavoured to place in a wrong one.

" Business at the cost of honour I want not.

" On Saturday evening, 21st ult., I received a letter from you enclosing an agreement desiring me to examine it and 'make any alterations therein' I deemed necessary, and that you would 'do' yourself 'the pleasure' of seeing me about it on the following Monday morning, about 8 o'clock, at my house.

" On that Saturday afternoon or evening, the Rev. David Inglis was served with the summons in my action against him and his associates for their brutal assault of me.

On the Monday morning you called at my house, in a *great fury*, and asked me what I thought of the agreement, I replied, that I had read it several times, and had made some alterations, and explained to you what I could gather to be the meaning of it, before I would proceed further, and said, I thought it was "an ill drawn Instrument." You passionately exclaimed, "it is not an ill drawn document, it is a well drawn document, I drew it myself, and you have wounded my feelings." I quietly replied, that you sent it for my opinion, I had given it honestly, as I had done in all your matters since I have been your Solicitor, and you have been always well satisfied with my conduct, and "you must know that I had no intention to wound your feelings." You then said something about me having during your election spoken of my superiority to you in some way, and that that had wounded your feelings ; thereafter you said that "*unless I would give up these excitements, that my life was not worth two months purchase.*" I asked you what excitements? You replied :—"These matters you have again commenced." I said, I suppose you refer to the Action I brought on Saturday against Inglis and the others. Thereupon you accused me of publishing that Mrs. Buchanan was the authoress of the doggerel Rhyme about my sister, referred to in my letter No. 8 to the Congregation of Macnab Street Church ; this I most truthfully denied. You then replied, that it was my sister who did so ; I replied that that was not true, and asked your authority ; you parried that question by saying, "to every body ;" but you finally—after being pressed to tell or father the statement