

stock of the community, had they not feared that you would behave to them just as you now *insanely* behave to me, or that their doing so would be utterly useless.

"3rd. It falsely accuses me of an attempt to *bribe* you with my professional business. This you do without a particle of proof, (F) while it is entirely contrary to anything you know of me in the past, in which no difference of personal opinion ever had the slightest effect on my business relations, and quite contrary to the distinct terms of my notes to you of Wednesday and Friday last, in which I expressed my conviction, that the continuation of our business relations is for the interest of both parties, and my *anxiety to sustain these*, (G) if you will allow us to do so consistently with our own self-respect, by which I simply meant our immunity from insult from you.

Of course there was self-evident proof that I did not suppose you a madman, whose mind was incapable of reason, in my calling you so to your face. What I mean to say is, that on one subject, and on every thing in the remotest degree connected with that subject, *you refuse to use your reason*, and act wholly by impulse or passion. But that I believed this, I should be ashamed of having been your friend, for on any other supposition, your letter of Saturday, which is not an unfair sample of the writings which *insanely* (using this word in the same sense) you have published, *would be regarded as the production of the Blackguard, or Ruffian, or at least of the lowest possible fellow*; (H) and if others were to follow your own example, they would call it so, the mere terms forming ample justification.

"I admit it may naturally be asked by you why all this was not pointed out to you before? (L) Why your friends did not take their stand long ago against your perpetual violations of all the common usages, not to say courtesies of Society? On the other side I have already given all the answer that can be given to this, which, though not very complimentary to you, certainly does not form a sufficient justification for their failing in their duty to themselves, and to you in this respect, even supposing them to owe no duty to their neighbours who became the object of your *slanders* previously to themselves. And for my own part I can say in all sincerity that it was from the kindest motives to you, as well as from my own self-respect, that I at last determined to take the stand that should have been taken long ago by all your friends; for if by *God's blessing*, (J) my now doing so has not the effect, I feel that no other means are likely to have of leading you before it is too late to awaken to the rapidly hastening consequences to yourself, of your not allowing your mind to be set free from the irritations that are consuming it. (K) The simple and truthful statement that you want all your time and strength for the calls