

he would have called on me, asking me to send down to his office certain business papers, and concluded as follows, namely :—

“ You must not suppose the foregoing to shew any desire on our part to separate our business relations, if these can be sustained on terms compatible with our self-respect. On reflection, however it must appear obvious to you, that even if you have not used insulting or threatening language to or about me, you have done so to or about those connected with the business so far as to render it almost impossible that they can see you even on business, and our continuing their connection shews that we consider you incorrect to use the most gentle term.

“ In plain terms, we have taken offence, as we think with good cause. If you as I understand, say, you did not mean offence we accept this for the sake of peace and old associations ; *but we have no time for further correspondence, and if you insist on this, we must view it as a determination on your part to alter the relations between us, while we should regret, we shall have no alternative but to reciprocate.*”

Yours truly,

(Signed) ISAAC BUCHANAN.

That letter plainly admits that he has no fault to find with me, either in respect of himself or the business of his firm, but he is driven into a defence of Inglis, Dewars and the other of Inglis' Elders persecutions of my sister, and of myself, in the Macnab Street Church matters; and dishonestly attempts to twist my very simple and proper explanation of the absurdity of his miserable attempt at my house to foist up a quarrel about business into an apology for some offence, which he does not because he cannot point out, and that *not* for himself, but for Dewar, he being the only Clerk of Buchanan Harris & Co. whoever refused—even if he did—to come to my office about the business of the firm ; and finally *threatens* me with the loss of his business, if I dare reply and *defend* myself, thereby under his said *threat*, embracing the base offer of a continuance of his business if I will basely submit to his abuse and falsehood.

That letter was written—no doubt—to save Masterton from replying to mine ; evidenced by his remark, *we have no time for further correspondence*, as Masterton dared not assert to me Buchanan's falsehood respecting my sister, and he evidently dared not for fear of Buchanan clear himself, and thereby make Buchanan foul : so that Isaac Buchanan evidently thought the best course to free himself and Masterton from *further enquiry and the result thereof* would be his said *strong threats* ; by which he hoped to frighten me into submission by the fear of the loss of his business. Such measures are only resorted to when a man knows