

My said letter is very full and explicit, and renders it unnecessary that I reply to your last letter, except in this, that, as I have neither published nor threatened to publish the matters in question, your assertion, 'the public know nothing from me of any disagreement between us, and I should not believe it possible that you would so far violate professional confidence as to meditate such a thing,' only clearly betrays your guilt, and your *fear* of same being known; and in respect of the publication thereof being a violation of professional confidence, is, as you well knew when you penned the same, absurd twaddle."

Yours, &c., &c.,
(Signed) COLIN D. REID.

In the face of Isaac Buchanan's assertion "we have no time for further correspondence," strange to tell I received from him, early on Monday morning, 7th October, the following letter: but doubtless his *great friendship* for me, so kindly manifested in and by his said threat, in his first letter, again caused him to break his word.

CLAIRMONT PARK, 7, 10, '61.
Monday Morning.

"DEAR SIR,—I return to you with the seal unbroken your large letter referred to in my note of Friday, as you seem to require this proof of the truth of my assertion that I have not opened it. And I only delay returning your *disgraceful letter*, of Saturday, under the hope that your self-respect will lead you to withdraw it. If you have any self-respect, you will withdraw it, as containing the following besides other unworthy insinuations:

"1st. It falsely accuses me of telling an untruth regarding my not having opened your large letter, although you cannot suppose any motive I could have for being guilty of falsehood, even if it were one that could be long concealed which this could not be. (*See note A at end of this letter.*) And if in all our long intercourse you never knew me *giving a deceptive look, even, to gain an end* (†) with what *reason* can you make this assertion. (B)

"2nd. It falsely accuses me of *guilt*, and of having *debased* myself, although the whole amount of my offence is, that as *your friend*, I have made an attempt to awaken you before it is too late to your *monomania*, the effects of which every one sees are proving *fatal* to you. (C) All I have done is that having at length been enabled by the obvious urgency of the case (D) to set my own feelings to one side, I have told you that under some *devilish* influence you are acting the part of a madman; a fact that would have been told you long ago by friends, *grieved* (E) to see their friend or their legal adviser making himself the laughing