

the face of much provocation and annoyance from Mr. Vivian.

Mr. Allan's quotation from my letter regarding the reservoir, is scarcely a fair one. Had he given the whole passage, the Stockholders would have seen that I should have been sadly wanting in my duty, in fact, really culpable, had I permitted Mr. Vivian to carry out his scheme of making a reservoir, at a cost, of at least, £200, to perform a duty which was effected for twenty-eight shillings. Here is the entire extract:

"After the departure of my last letter, I had a visit from Mr. Vivian on the subject of allowances, when he told me, *inter alia*, that the salary was not the inducement to come here, and that he would have come whether he had been engaged or not, as he intended to try his chance in this country as an engineer, and wished to have a perfect engine made under his own superintendence to refer to; that he would not have engaged for more than a year, had Mr. Gillespie not declined to make the contract contrary to instructions. I told him that if after the engine was fairly at work, it was found that a less experienced person could work the engine, I had no doubt the Directors would agree to his leaving, so long as the interests of the Company were not affected. He is evidently very much disappointed at the position he holds here. He expected to have the control of everything and everybody, and hinted gently that the mine would not succeed until he had. This, however, I fear, would be no improvement. He seems to work very much regardless of present expense. For instance, he was going to build a reservoir on the hill, about half-way between the engine-house and the mine, for the purpose of filling the boilers at first, and when it was requisite, to clean them. I don't believe it could