

as though *they had complied*. I will therefore be guided by the action of the Insurance Companies interested in this matter.

Respectfully, Sir, I am your most obedient servant,

J. J. E. LINTON.

(Copy of above letter forwarded to Sidney J. Crocker, Esq., Manager of the *Beacon* and *Times* Fire Insurance Office, Kingston, C.W.)

NOTE.—Since the above was sent to the press, some correspondence has taken place between Mr. Tilstone, *Equitable* Office, and Mr. Linton; and in the former's letter of 25th March is this statement:—"With respect to the origin of the fire we fear it is impossible to arrive at any satisfactory result. We know from experience the difficulties attending investigations. Our Inspector is of opinion it was caused by ashes, and he attended the inquest, in the hope that some evidence might be produced, that would throw light on the matter, but none such was given."——To which Mr. Linton replied by sending the following certificates:—Stratford, March 29th, 1858. I certify that neither agents or any other parties connected with any insurance office attended the inquest held before me on the body of the late A. F. Mickle. (Signed,) P. R. SHAVER, *Coroner*.—Stratford, 1st April, 1858. This is to certify that at the inquest as to the origin of the fire which consumed the Post Office and other buildings on the 10th March last, none of the agents or inspectors of the fire insurance offices were present. (Signed) J. BOWIE, *Coroner*.—Also, the *Times* and *Beacon* and *Equitable* offices have been furnished with copies of the papers of the two inquests. The origin of the fire, in the *store-room* let it be, was not in Mr. Mickle's kitchen—Jurymen opposed to searching out truth, and the insured's friends to the contrary notwithstanding!