

begin the world anew without money, or means of any kind and with the additional burden of a wife, and children to support.

In this connection a letter of Moody & Boyle, Creditors Solicitors, the legal opinion of Mr. Robie and Stewart's letter to S. G. W. Archibald are of interest, both in showing the unfortunate position in which he was placed and the honorable manner in which he treated an unjust demand. It is further noteworthy that all of the legal gentlemen connected with this correspondence in turn became master of the Rolls in turn and Stewart the last of all.

HALIFAX, 29TH DECEMBER, 1819.

DEAR SIR:—On the part of the Assignees of Moody and Boyle we have to call your attention to the claim they have on the late firm of Moody & Stewart, which they are desirous of having settled as far as you are concerned. The amount due has been fixed at £3,500, and of that sum the assignees will be willing to receive such proportion of £1500—offered by you as the whole demand against Moody & Stewart bear to their claim, and to give you a release. We are informed the whole demand amounts to £1811, and if that sum is correct, the assignee would be entitled to £291,6,8.

If you are willing to pay that sum on receiving a release, be pleased to make the necessary arrangements and although it is impossible to get a number of the creditors to join in one arrangement, we feel assured the principal part of them who have claims on you will accept of the same terms. To induce them to do so we shall cheerfully use, our best exertions. Your early reply on this subject will oblige. Dear Sir your obedient servant

CHARLES & SAMUEL FAIRBANKS.

MR. ROBIE'S OPINION.

"I am strongly inclined to think that Mr. Stewart as a partner in the firm of Moody & Stewart cannot be answerable to Moody & Boyle for any of the charges contained in that statement as