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*cal*," &c., before mentioned, to some more respectable person; and having observed James E. Small, Esquire, the acting Clerk of the Crown, and myself, standing together in front of the Court House, he seized upon this incident as a fit ground to devise a most infamous falsehood.—He stated to Mr. Willis that, I made use of the expressions of which he complains to Mr. Small, who was then, and now is, on friendly terms with Mr. Willis, and of whom Mr. Willis made immediate inquiry, and was informed by Mr. Small, that there was no truth in what McPherson stated; and was further informed by him, that McPherson was a man of a very bad character—entitled to no credit whatever.

To these assurances Mr. Willis thought it justifiable to pay no attention, but persisted in giving publicity to the statement of a man who cannot be believed, in preference to that of three persons of integrity and undoubted veracity. I appeal to every honest man in the country, and ask if Mr. Willis has substantiated a single one of his allegations against me, and rather if he has not made most unfounded insinuations prejudicial to my character, for purposes which I can easily understand. These reiterated calumnies, as I have proved them to be, have destroyed my respect for Mr. Willis; but, I respect, as much as any other member of society, the situation which he lately filled. That situation can give him no right to slander his fellow subjects, and if he does so, he cannot expect that they will be restrained by any regard for the rank, from meeting his attacks, or the