

into the hands of the Attorney General for the purpose of investigation, and being called upon to answer them, I learned the fact of Mr. Willis' having insinuated that, I would perhaps take his life (for no one could misunderstand his meaning,) I wrote to him in consequence the following letter as a second explanation of what I had already said to him.

YORK, *June 23, 1828.*

SIR,

From a communication which the Attorney General has had with me upon the subject of a conversation which took place between yourself and me, on the 18th instant, I find you have made such a statement as conveys the impression that, I had demanded satisfaction of you, for an injury to my character, in a manner that, might imply a threat of improper proceedings on my part. I beg to assure you that you have placed a wrong construction upon my words, which I was very particular to guard against *expressly*. I never could by any possibility so far forget myself as to threaten a Judge of His Majesty's Court of King's Bench, or to call upon him for satisfaction in the ordinary sense of the Term. Had I done so, I should equally have forgotten my own situation and yours, and should have acted in a manner which I freely confess would have been most improper. I acknowledge having said, under the influence of what I considered great provocation, that you might at some future day be placed in a situation, when I could claim satisfaction from you as a Gentleman—that your pre-