

I handed this letter to Mr. Pentland shortly after 3 P. M., after he had read it, he said that nothing remained for him and me to do, but to make the necessary arrangements for a meeting between Mr. Irvine and Mr. Pope, and it was agreed that it should take place with pistols, the next morning at half past 7. I then left him and communicated the result to Mr. Pope, with whom I made the necessary preparations. On returning to my house in company with Mr. Pope the same afternoon, at half past 5, I found the following letter from Mr. Pentland on my table.

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" MY DEAR YOUNG.

Mr. Irvine has communicated to me the note which he has just received from Mr. Pope. It is well that there should be no mis-apprehension as to the facts of the case. Mr. Pope has stated in his note that Irvine in arguing the case which has given rise to the difficulty asserted that in signing the inscription, Pope must have intended to deceive, this was not the case, Irvine merely stated as part of his argument in the alternative, that either Mr. Pope in signing the inscription for the sixth intended to proceed on that day or in giving the inscription he intended to deceive. As there was evidently no intention to insult in using these words as expressly stated by Mr. Irvine at the time, I must insist on the part of Mr. Irvine on an apology for the words used by Mr. Pope. I was present on the occasion and know the facts to be as above stated.

Yours truly,

J. C. PENTLAND.

Quebec, 7th Dec., 1854.

P. S. You will find me at my office until 6 o'clock.

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[I answered this letter as follows.]

" MY DEAR PENTLAND.

On returning home at half past five, I received your note. You are aware that when I handed you Mr. Pope's letter, you