

disapprobation to me, of any conduct of mine, during the long fifteen years I have been in the practice of the law.

"I will hand to any one you may send to my office all the papers in my custody belonging to you or your firm, and I will be at all times ready to give to your future Solicitor any information I can, respecting any matters which have been under my care as your Solicitor, or the Solicitor of your firm.

"Yours truthfully,

(Signed)

"COLIN D. REID."

Notwithstanding Isaac Buchanan's assertion, "*we have no time for further correspondence,*" I received from him on Saturday morning 5th October, the following letter, namely:—

"DEAR SIR,—Mr. Galt having come west, I did not go to Quebec, and I would have called on you to-day had I had a moment's leisure, and supposed you would be at your office; I shall do so to-morrow, and until then, I shall not open a large letter I have from you. If it is about business I shall open it, but otherwise I shall decline doing so:—

"1st,—Because I have neither time, nor strength, *nor temper*, for any thing else at present, which is also your own case.

"2nd,—Because further explanations can only show greater differences in our ideas of right and wrong, *in regard to matters not at all essential to our business relations*, [see *Note A.* at end of this letter] (if only each will respect the feelings of the other) and thus endanger our being able to continue on the terms which it is for the interest probably of both parties we should be on.

"*The public know nothing from me of any disagreement between us*, and I should not believe it possible that you would so far violate professional confidence as to meditate such a thing: no possible good therefore can flow from corresponding about a *private matter*, [B.] which I can and shall say no more about, than I have said, that if you say you did not mean offence, I am satisfied. [C.]

"In such case it becomes unnecessary that I should express my views of what appeared to me a disregard by you of our feelings and interests, [D.] and the avoiding this (as a matter in which we could never probably agree) seems the condition of our continuing an independent friendship.

"Yours faithfully,

(Signed)

"ISAAC BUCHANAN.

"Clairmont Park, 4, 10, '61, Friday Evening.

"C. D. REID, Esq."

*Note A.*—Here again is the express admission that business matters were not the cause of the difficulty.