
SUBSEQUENT CORRESPONDENCE, &c.,

BETWEEN MR. J. C. PENTLAND AND MR. YOUNG.

When the statement of facts made by me in relation to the difficulty between Messrs. Irvine and Pope, was ready for distribution, I deemed it my duty to send a copy of it at once to Mr. Pentland, in order that neither he nor his friend might be ignorant of the circumstance that publication had actually taken place.

The reasons which induced me to make that publication were succinctly stated in the introductory portion. My friend and myself had determined to make no mention whatever of any thing that had occurred between him and Mr. Irvine, or between Mr. Pentland and me, and we adhered to our resolution. To our surprise however, on the very night of the day on which the meeting took place, my friend heard that a statement had been made giving an erroneous and improper version of what had taken place. From the nature of the report, it was evident that notwithstanding its absurdity, it must have proceeded from some person who had been present and who was incompetent to appreciate the spirit which had dictated the observations made by my friend as we left the ground. Still we deemed it advisable to take no notice of the matter. A few days afterwards however having found that this incorrect report had been industriously circulated, I called upon Mr. Pentland to ascertain whether he or his friend had been instrumental in propagating the statement. From what then took place I felt that I was entitled to protest against the interpretation given by him to the words made use of on the occasion referred to, and in order that there might be no misunderstanding about the matter, a narrative of what occurred after our arrival on the ground was drawn up and submitted to Mr. Pentland, and I told him at the same time, that notwithstanding the report which had gone abroad, if he signed that narrative, no further notice would be taken of the matter. He requested that the paper might be left with him as he wanted to shew it to Mr. Irvine, I did so, and he returned it to me saying that he agreed with me as to many of the facts stated in it, but that it contained some in which he could not concur. I then told him the whole matter would be published. The statement published con-