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the night with a vile, treacherous woman. In the first place I believe what you say in reference to my mother and sisters is villainously false ; that they never either thought or said the like, (you may, however, require to answer for it again) that I never heard of such having been said before, whether you believe my word or not ; that I never told you what you accused me of previous to your leaving ; but what I said was this—that I did not spend the night with a false friend in my bosom—referring to you going about amongst many people endeavoring to make me appear so bad. I have never, in talking to your friends or mine, told anything but the truth. Oh that I could say so on your part. I have not stated anything to Mr. Thorne but the truth. On the Sabbath you refer to when coming from church you asked me if I would go to Zion's Church ; I told you I would not ; you said that you would go whether I did or not. After dinner I went up stairs to pave my corns, intending as you were going to Zion's Church that I would go over to Carleton ; on coming down stairs I quite unexpectedly met my sister in the hall dressed, going over to Sarah's ; I did not know they were going out, neither did they know that I was until we met in the hall, and then we only walked together as far as Sarah's. I proceeded myself to Carleton. That, I think I explained to you before ; it was no use to ask you to accompany me when you were determined on going to church. I did not say that you came into the church in the evening after the service was half over ; I said you came into church after us. I have said nothing in reference to that or anything else but the truth, let it be misrepresented as it may. I never called you a *bitch* ; I called you an infernal little devil on the Tuesday morning referred to previous to leaving, of which I told Mr. Thorne and any others I have been speaking to on the subject ; I may have called you the same on occasions when provoked to it. But I repeat it again—I have called you or no one else a *bitch*—you say that you have been cruelly deceived in me ; I am the one that has been terribly deceived—from being in a situation of happiness and comfort, having by one unfortunate step in my life rendered myself miserably unhappy, and still there was no necessity for such being the case ; my whole and sole desire was that my wife and mother and sisters should all be happy, and for that end was willing to be a slave to any extent that might be necessary. But Julia your object was different, you entered the house, I believe, with the desire of making matters as unhappy and disagreeable as possible, that by such means you might compel me to separate from my family ; I have often told you that I believed such to be your object ; I have told you Julia of the imprudence of the course you are pursuing, that it was your duty to do otherwise, and that you were pursuing a course the very reverse of what you know was agreeable or pleasing to me. We might have been happy Julia together ; I was desirous of being so ; what object could I have in desiring to be anything else. I could have loved you Julia almost to adoration, could I but have seen

these feelings reciprocated in your conduct towards me ; but there was always, even from soon after marriage, that desire to run on all occasions, and that total indifference as to whether your husband accompanied you or not, which to me was galling in the extreme, being of a very sensitive nature. Had your parents at the first commencement of our troubles brought us together and heard the grievances of each, and consoled and advised us, matters would never have come to what they have ; but they have pursued a very opposite and very inconsistent course—they have listened to your one-sided and extravagant stories, and by their counsel and advice have assisted much in widening the breach. It is always better to endeavour to reconcile differences between husband and wife than to magnify Julia, I cannot describe to you the extent of my misery, and how much I deplore the unfortunate state of affairs between us, for which there was no necessity. I have been told, Julia, that on the evening previous to our marriage, you made use of the following expression to some female friends who were present, "that you were going to be tied hand and foot to the old fellow in the morning, and that you would then make the money fly." Such were not the proper feelings ; such was not the proper spirit to express or entertain on the eve of such an occasion or under which to enter upon the sacred duties of married life. I must conclude, although there are many things which I should like to say. Hoping that you will excuse the annoyance given to you in writing to you at this time, assuring you that it has not been to me a pleasant task to write to you in such a strain, but considered that it was nothing more than a duty to myself to reply to the vile and untrue charges against me contained in yours. With the kindest feelings towards you,

I am, dear Julia,

Your much slandered and unkindly treated husband,
ROBERT HUNTER.

I never received any reply to my third letter. My wife never returned to me. I heard the child was born by ordinary rumor. I did not get to see it, because of treatment I always received from my wife's family. I would have liked to have seen the child. I got no notice of its being baptized. I was not consulted about its name. It was not baptized in my own church. The first intimation I got of this claim against me, was a bill from Mr. V. On getting it, I afterwards sent a notice to Mr. V.

[Copy.]

St. JOHN, 20th August, 1861.

MR. W. N. VENNING,—

Sir,—I have received a bill from you charging me with £18 board, &c., for my wife with you.

You are quite aware that my wife left my bed and board without my permission—against my will, and without any excuse whatever. I never authorized you or any one else whomsoever to harbor my wife ; whereas you yourself well know I am perfectly able and willing to keep and support her myself in my own house.

I beg therefore to explicitly notify you that I have not been liable, and will not hold myself lia-