

morning of 9th October, the following most extraordinary letter, namely:—

“CLAIRMONT PARK, 9, 10, ‘61.

“Wednesday Morning.

“DEAR SIR,—The *greatest favor* you could do me is the act of your life whose *magnanimity* would give you the greatest satisfaction. What I indicate is, your being able to evince the moral courage to tell the Public, that *at my intercession* you have agreed not to go into court again with the Church and you this very day allowing me to intimate this.

“To be a peace maker is always a blessed thing, but in such a case as this it would be so in a very peculiar degree. Believe me this course would cause dismay to your real enemies, and sincere pleasure to your real friends, for those who wish to expose you to all the miserable consequences of going into court are your enemies and those who would keep you free from these are your friends.

“Till now I have never mingled in your church quarrels, and I did not desire to do so. It is for your sake alone that I interfere at this to you critical period, and I could not do what I now do if I was not aware that the greatest prejudice cannot suggest any selfish motive I can have for introducing my advice.

“I can have no motive for doing so but to serve and save you.

“As I told you when I last saw you, your life is not worth many months' purchase if you do not get rid of irritation by ridding yourself of these church quarrels which no one but yourself really cares a straw about. And I see that after the exposures of the Court Room, you will be less likely to be willing to take a step which you can still do *gracefully*.

“I feel therefore that I am performing a great duty, and that I am acting the part of a friend to you in trying to prevent further irritation to you.

“Believe me, yours faithfully,

“ISAAC BUCHANAN.

“C. D. REID, Esq.”

“If it were to relieve the *feelings* of either party, I would be but too happy to evince my anxiety and *my respect for you*, by paying all the expenses on both sides of the proposed trial. I may mention, however, that no one of those sued, nor any other person, has ever spoken to me on the subject of the suit or its expenses.

“I. B.”

When Isaac Buchanan finds that his threats have no effect upon me, he now has the insolence to beg not only a favor, but the greatest of favors, namely, that at his intercession, I will not again go into court with the Church, and that the granting of such request will be the act of my life, the *magnanimity* thereof will be so

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