

of another—nor is it in your option to defeat this right, or to escape this obligation, by an unexplained ambiguous assertion made on your own authority.

If any reason does exist, I require you to let me know specifically what it is that precludes my right consistently and legitimately—to use your own words—to demand from you on what grounds you asserted as a fact that which reflected on my character—what it is that releases you from the obligation—an obligation which men of manly and upright principles cheerfully acknowledge—of either vindicating what you have published to my prejudice, or if that cannot be done, of making reparation by acknowledgement of the wrong.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. W. JOHNSTON.

The Rev. E. M. SAUNDERS, Halifax.

4.

HALIFAX, Dec., 1870.

SIR,—Your letter of the 6th inst., has been received. That I may be understood, and that your mind may be satisfied, I am convinced that it be necessary for me to draw somewhat on your patience in my reply, i. e. I must write more at length than I have done. This would take more time than I could conveniently give to it just now, as I need every moment that I can get to prepare a lecture which I am engaged to give in the country next Wednesday. As soon as possible after my return from the country, I will give at length a reply to your enquiries.

I am Sir, your obedient servant,

E. M. SAUNDERS.

To Hon. JUDGE JOHNSTON.

5.

18 MORRIS STREET, Saturday.

SIR,—In reply to your note stating that your engagements made it inconvenient for you to answer my letter until you return from the country, I beg to say I have no wish to put you to unnecessary inconvenience, and shall wait your return before looking for a reply.

I am your obedient servant,

J. W. JOHNSTON.

The Rev. E. M. SAUNDERS.

6.

HALIFAX, Dec. 20th, 1870.

SIR,—On reperusing your letter of the 6th inst., I find that it does not require as lengthened a reply as at first appeared necessary.

You do not seem to see why you have not put yourself in a position consistently and legitimately to make the enquiry contained in your letter of the 28th ult.

Let me ask you to consider whether you ought not before making that enquiry to have furnished me with the means of ascertaining whether the letter from which you made your extract was genuine or not? and whether you ought not to have stated that you had no lot or part in the matter of Mr. Rand's dismissal?