

tion, and that if that had not been the case he should not have made use of such gross expressions regarding Major Coffin." So far, all may be well, but Mr. Forbes has declared to me several times that his reiteration of the charge of falsehood against Major Coffin was made when he had not taken any wine, for which nothing like an apology had been *demanded* or *given*, which last circumstance Mr. Green, Mr. Forbes's friend, fully corroborates." To all this you answered, "That Major Coffin had denied Mr. Forbes's charge of falsehood, intimating thereby, as I understood you, that Major Coffin conceived that Mr. Forbes and himself were upon equal terms in that respect. To this I answered, "That if any person had accused you or myself of having asserted that we had given 50 guineas for a horse, and having sold the said horse to another, impressing at the same time upon his mind for the purpose of making a good sale that we had paid the said sum of 50 guineas, whereas in truth we had only paid 25, I answered, I say, that in such a case the probability would be that neither of us would rest satisfied with having simply denied a charge of so disgraceful a nature." You assented to my proposition, and said, "That you would never thus compromise yourself, that you did not stand there to vindicate Major Coffin's character, but mere-