

Mr. R.—I do. And for this reason: When I received Mr. Jarvis' first letter, I consulted three members of high standing in the profession, and by their advice sent the answer I did. On receiving Mr. Jarvis' second letter I consulted the Solicitor General, and his opinion was that my first letter was sufficient, and that I ought not to take any further notice of the matter. That it would be opening a door to endless discussions and quarrels, hamper the profession in the faithful discharge of their duty, and be an injury to the profession, and that should a hostile message be sent it was a duty I owed myself and the profession to decline accepting it. That it was by his (the Solicitor General's) advice I sent my second reply, and as I do not consider Mr. Jarvis after receiving my first letter justified in writing his second, and further having determined to act under the advice of the Solicitor General, I decline any further explanation in the matter. The Solicitor General also advised me that after the space of five months Mr. Jarvis was not justified in entering into the matter, and that on that ground also I should decline.

G. M. J.—Mr. Ritchie, Mr. Jarvis gave you his reasons for this delay.

Mr. R.—He did, but they are not satisfactory.

G. M. J.—Mr. Ritchie, will you answer me this question? "Do you consider Mr. Jarvis incapable under any circumstances of giving false testimony?"

Mr. R.—I decline answering any thing that refers to Mr. Jarvis in the matter, but any thing you may wish to say to me I shall be happy to meet and converse with you at any time as regards yourself personally.

G. M. J.—Mr. Ritchie, this answer is not satisfactory.

Mr. R.—I am sorry for it, but I cannot help it. I have made up my mind to follow the advice of my friends, and am prepared to stand the consequences.

G. MURRAY JARVIS.

21st August, 1845.

I have only to add to the foregoing, that on meeting Mr. RITCHIE on Saturday in company with several Gentlemen, I addressed him as is customary after these unsatisfactory events.

Monday, 25th August, 1845.

EDWARD L. JARVIS.