
CORRESPONDENCE, &c.

CONCERNING A RECENT DIFFICULTY BETWEEN MESSRS.
IRVINE AND POPE.

It is at all times disagreeable to make public, circumstances which should remain private, but in consequence of certain incorrect statements having been made respecting the difficulty which occurred between Mr. Irvine and Mr. Pope. I feel it my duty, being cognisant of all that took place, to make the facts known.

On Thursday afternoon last, the 7th inst., at about two o'clock, Mr. Pope called on me and informed me that he had been waited upon by Mr. John Pentland, who had stated that he had come on the part of Mr. Irvine to speak of a matter, which had occurred between them in Court that morning, and to know if he (Mr. Pope) would make an apology, to which the latter had replied "most decidedly not," and that thereupon Mr. Pentland had requested him to name a friend, and that in consequence he requested me to be that friend. I consented and I at once called on Mr. Pentland. I told him that it would be necessary that Mr. Irvine's communication to Mr. Pope should be in writing. Mr. Pentland agreed to this, and shortly after, he placed in my hands, a letter, of which the following is a copy:—

Quebec, 7th Dec., 1854.

THOMAS POPE, Esq.

Sir,

Having been informed by my friend Mr. Pentland, whom I had requested to call upon you on the subject that you desired me to communicate to you in writing the nature of the expla-