

not only has my Scriblerian and Censorial authority been set at defiance in that district, but my personal concerns there, have been grossly neglected, and evilly entreated. Rumours and conjectures, and the low murmurings of intended revolt, were, however, all; until, an intimation that a general exposure of the way in which the folks of that town had thought proper to behave towards me, would be made, if they did not "mend their manners," (and which had no direct reference to the person who has taken up the cudgel, but rather to one Neddy Silly,) produced the following most admirable specimen of gentlemanly epistolary composition.

"As relates to certain threats which have been communicated to Mr. Bostwick, he assures the editor of the Scribbler, that he is perfectly aware of his ability and willingness, to assert and publish any thing the most base, scandalous, false, and malicious, which it is possible to invent. But that he feels, and will feel, the greatest indifference about any thing that may appear in the pages of that publication, or of any other edited by a person of his character. His only regret is that he ever contributed by his trifling subscription, to the support of so infamous a paper, and that he should be obliged to have any communication with a person whose character and principles he holds in abhorrence.

For Mr. Bostwick's own satisfaction, however, he will give the information wished for, tho' not without assuring the editor of the Scribbler, that it is not to avoid the consequences of his displeasure.

Some time during last summer, Mr. B. paid 12s. 6d. to a Capt. Douglass, who *pretended* to have been authorised by a Mr. Lane, and produced a receipt of which the following is a copy.

Received of A. D. Bostwick, Esq. twelve shillings and six pence for Scribblers, viz. 4s. 6d. for Nos. 31 to 39. 5s. 6d. for quarter, 2s. 6d. for supplements, (signed) S. H. Wilcocke.

Mr. B. has now only to add, that he will return unopened, any letter which may hereafter be addressed to him by Mr. Wilcocke.

18th Feb. 23."

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