

(F.) I point to his second letter as clear and unequivocal proof thereof.

(G.) This is strong proof that his legal business as well as that of his firm was well conducted by me.

(H.) What language for a friend to use, involving gross falsehood, grossly and absurdly expressed! When the parties mentioned in these my letters to the Macnab Street Church congregation, have been unable to point out even one untruth in these my letters; when the first of these letters was published upwards of two years since, and the last upwards of seven months since; and when Isaac Buchanan's "self-respect" allowed him to continue his *friendship* and business until that I brought my said action for the assault, and until that I cast him off as a client as hereinbefore shewn, it is rather too late now for him thus to write. His definition of a "Madman" is something new, and his position thereon is very absurd, just the reverse of what it should be, because a man having reason and refusing to use it, and guilty of blackguard and ruffianly acts is wholly inexcusable, whereas a man really mad or insane might be excusable on the ground of his insanity.

(I.) That is the rub, and proves that he read my letter as I therein refer to that very point.

(J.) What a Homily from Isaac Buchanan, who so strongly and unblushingly approves of the assault of me, and supports the persons guilty thereof.

Isaac Buchanan here asserts that he is the Almighty's instrument in these matters. Although that is a strong assertion, yet I would not rashly deny it, as we do know that the Almighty has occasionally employed *strange* instruments; for instance: a Balaam, and a Judas; the one, a base hireling of the *State*; the other, a base hireling in the *Church*,—the infamous instrument of the *Priesthood*.

(K.) That is, do not *care* for your *moral* character, Mr. Reid, look to your *legal* character and position alone, as being that which produces the *money*. A very kind advice certainly from a *christian* gentleman who can talk so *glibly* of "God's blessing."

(M.) Although he in this letter calls me in effect a Blackguard, a Ruffian, and the "lowest possible fellow;" and also plainly asserts that I am a slanderer not only of others but of himself; yet, if I will only withdraw that "disgraceful letter," I need offer no apology, I can even withdraw it "without any sacrifice of feeling," and he will continue my *friend*; all he requires is simply to place matters in the position as if that letter had not been written by me, and his "self-respect" will be satisfied, and his long homily can go overboard; but how the withdrawing my said second letter is to make the *amende honorable* to all the other *christian* gentlemen who assaulted me, I cannot conceive, even had I done them a wrong, as that letter respects Isaac Buchanan alone