

administration of justice is kept free from the control of the Executive.

In taking the stand I have, you know me too well to think that I have ever been influenced by personal considerations. I am the victim, at present, of misrepresentation and falsehood, and of a formidable conspiracy, without having been afforded an opportunity of vindicating my conduct. I have been condemned unheard.

Again thanking you for the confidence you have reposed in me and for the sentiments you have so well expressed, believe me, I shall remain your friend and well-wisher, and that I shall always always take a deep interest in the Colony.

HENRY W. AUSTIN.

TO SAMUEL J. PINDER, Esq.

NASSAU, New Providence, May 24th, 1890.

The Honorable HENRY WILLIAM AUSTIN,
Late Chief Justice of the Bahamas.

SIR,

As you have ceased to hold the office of Chief Justice of the Bahamas, having received a retiring allowance from the Legislature, and as you will soon be leaving our shores, we cannot allow you to depart without asking you to permit us to express to you our feelings of respect and confidence.

Irreproachable in your private character, and as Chief Justice, holding the scales and wielding the sword with firm and even hand, you have caused the seat of justice to be feared, respected and trusted, and tempering severity with equity and mercy, you have secured that it is neither hated nor despised.

We are confident that the vast majority of those who have had intercourse with you or have in any way been observant of your conduct in your high office, feel with us that in losing you we are losing an honest man, and a conscientious, fearless and impartial judge.

From our own knowledge we can assure you, that by very many, especially by those of the lower and more helpless classes of the community, your memory will be cherished with feelings much deeper than those of mere respect.