

(of which however I must admit that I have only seen a few passages here & there) apart from the unhappy spirit manifested must appear simply absurd. I am sorry to have been, even involuntarily, the cause of so much discomfort to the writer, whoever he may be, & I can only hope that the Board generally did not enter into all the feeling expressed.

The other point involved is of no difficult solution. One of the Directors made to me a remark, a sort of threat, of which his recollection, I am told corresponds entirely with my own. This remark I repeated to your Excellency, to your friends Mr Buchanan & Mr Boyle & to two others who were in some degree parties interested. They all concur, that that, & that only was what they heard from me. But it is not surprising that being at the moment in the haste & excitement of leaving town, your recollection or apprehension of the form of the threat alluded was inaccurate. Upon your return, I believe from a months travel, without enquiring of me exactly what had been said — not said however with the remotest idea of secrecy — you communicated to the Board for their action, such an impression of the remark in question as neither the Director nor I had ever uttered or dreamed of. Now, under all these circumstances, if your Excellency deems it expedient, by leaving the mistake not corrected, to insist upon having been told what you are explicitly assured by the speaker was never said, I can only regret your adhering to an unsustained opinion, but I presume it can not be otherwise a matter of any practical importance. Arrangements in my parish have so engrossed my mind & time as to delay me in thus closing the unprofitable correspondence, which I regret has been to your Excellency so troublesome.

I have the honor to subscribe myself
with great consideration
Your Excellency's Obedt. Serv^t
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