

would have behaved to these people as you have done — and when I see you I shall let you know more fully my Opinion of your behaviour —

Now I^r if I had not more Candour than yourself I should not have answered your Scurrilous Letter but I treated it with the Contempt it deserves — but taking it for granted that you have been misinformed and not heard a True State of the case I shall endeavour to expostulate a little with you — — if you had bought a piece of Land and had never seen it then, but had contented yourself with believing the Land laid as you had been inform'd at last one of your Neighbours claims some of that Land and a Justice ^{then} in it would you not have your Land run to know whether you were right and after making a Survey would you not expect to hold the Land within you Since this has been my Case, and I believe I should not have made as wrocy so soon if I had not been push'd by your Tenant Hally In regard to the absent M^r Gordon I shall make no use of the Land this summer in which Time I hope he will arrive and I shall settle it in an amicable manner as I believe him to be a Gentleman but at the same time I shall take care that Hally shall not make use of it. but bless us I^r how you fall on me Tooth and Nail in the latter part of your Letter (what not one Grain of Common Honesty) how I have been deceived all my Life when I thought I could have relied in common Honesty with the great S. W. himself. as to Cox & the ordinary Honesty I never laid claim. as to my behaviour to these people if you mean Hally. he says I never behaved ill to him nor that they never told any person that I did — how is this — you tell me that when you see me you will let me know your Opinion more fully. I think you have been full enough in your letter to satisfy any man of common honesty. if you'll wait till the cool of the day and I wrest yourself of Prejudice and then make an Enquiry you'll find I have acted Right

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