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Dear Sir,

I have concluded to make the subject of Revd J. Kelley's Appeal to the Board, matter for a separate sheet, not that it is my intention to be lengthy.

When difficulties first arose between Mr Kelley and Sangay both complained, and pressed upon them the expediency of having all disputed items to arbitration. To this both agreed; and Mr Kelley selected me for one of his arbitrators. He was informed verbally, I could not serve on account of my office. He again wrote & urged it, to which I replied in the negative — stating my reasons.

Mr Mcfell then undertook to settle matters but in vain; which I knew before he commenced as he was to act for both. He then urged for an arbitration, but to his request, Mr Kelley would agree on no other terms than the above.

Baffled in his efforts to bring matters to arbitration, he threatened by his continuance (to whom he was much in debt) with a suit, Sangay brought the matter before the Court of Sessions — At the request of Mr Kelley it was put off one month to next court — When fairly before the Court, it was unanimously decided that the whole be referred to

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