

Mr. Editor.—Mr. Elliott in his letter of last week rather surpasses himself—in his tirade of errors and vindictiveness—It is amusing, to see the repudiation of his lovely associates—and yet it is not curious; that after two weeks, meditation, and may be mutual courtesies, with a visit to Owen Sound thrown in—two appear synchronously in your columns—with an additional cur to echo this song. But Sir I have curried animals, like these ere now; they are small ones, and it is easily accomplished. Before I proceed however, I must make one correction—"They did not appeal to him for advice" true; rather, "I was directed to him"—you see Sir, it is a difference without much change—Elliott being, the depository and expository, of and for his born admirers—of course he doesn't like the company, but before I have done with him, others shall see of the correctness of my charges.

THAT LETTER:

Although filed in the archives of the Courts, it still trotted along—What think you of the intelligence of a Magistrate, to use a mere school boy's logic—to prove my private letter to be a public one—When the address the subject matter, with a reference to a private correspondence, all conclusively show, it, to have been a private one. Surely, the writ of it, has the least right to interpret—my contention, he admits, before he misplaced it; yes put out of his hands—Pilate and Herod became friends, after Bain sued Euphrasia! and somebody had to suffer—Judas, came upon the scene, and the Township, with its chief officer, had to be betrayed and snubbed by its Deputy Reeve—Had he acted the manly part—the council of Artemesia, would have stood by him—but from the month of September until January following, this work was proceeding, and we find that he was at the letting of it, was the overseer, the inspector, he it was who issued the pay sheets—and during all this but, once he said, "THEY are going on with that work" and when he says, he made a motion, to have the sum paid, according to his report—not a report by himself—the council was kept in complete ignorance of the relation he bore to it—not only then—but afterwards nor—until the evidence was taken from him in court, was it known! And why? because the Reeve, was to be made responsible by dishonorable modes for this doubly paid work—it is difficult to summons a more cowardly act of a councillor from the annals of the corporation.

Mr. Elliott also flatly contradicts my statement regarding the celebrated "Letter"—but the very questions by the solicitor, and my replies prove my statements to be correct—It being such a serious charge, I felt it my duty to write to the Solicitor in the case regarding it—here is the reply—"O. Sound, Dec. 11th, 1886. Re. Blain & Euphrasia, I am quite positive that you did not deny your signature, and do not think anything was said to weaken your evidence—I remember Mr. Creasor, made an effort to

catch you about a letter written by you. But as far as memory goes, he did not make much out of it."

Signed, ALFRED FROST.

I wrote Mr. Elliott to state his charge in plain terms—But which he wishes to impress the public with, namely perjury. I am led to scorn the man, who for mercenary and base purposes, makes such gross—such malicious statements, against a man, whose shoe latchit he is unworthy to unlose—Not only Mr. Frost, but gentleman on the jury, substantiate my statements. I would have followed this, legally, but for the impecuniousness of my detractors. The Valley Road is another matter to be introduced for the first time, to assist him in his dirty work—but let us see how Elliott will answer Elliott—In 1878 upon petition by Ratepayer duly presented Mr. Elliott moved and Mr. Wright seconded—"That a committee be appointed to ascertain the practicability of the road from Plewes' mill to Campbells. This was carried—Mr. Elliott moved that the committee be formed of Messrs. Wright, Webster and the mover—They reported on the scheme favorably—When the surveying was done, according to this favorable report—Mr. Elliott moved and Webster seconded, that the expenses incurred in running the line throughout be paid whatever it was. On the 1st of September following the By-law establishing the whole line, was passed without a dissent—Here is Elliott leading off, every motion—to discover its practicability; for the expenses incurred, and for establishment—and was one of the committee—whose duty is plain, if members exceeded their instructions—The Reeve however is blamed for the thing, he so facetiously fathered—not a solitary word of dissent, escapes him—how could it be otherwise, when his committee did it—I merely assented that is all—It only remains to say—that the work is being executed as nearly as may be on the lines and upon the conditions, more than once, he advocated—much cheaper than was ever dreamed of—The cost was always placed at from \$1000 to \$2000 Dollar.—as to the question of Titles—It is merely clap-trap—What of other roads with which he was intimately connected, twelve years ago—and no titles yet! But then of course he was a tool of the lamented Leckie—Does it interfere with the lines, the construction or cost of the work—I fail to see it—proprietors are bound to take what three honest men will give them—but Sir there is not a road in the Township, of its length where so many titles and pledges for titles are given—only one or two lots where any doubt exists—and the road altogether is over five miles in length—He also mentions a Sullivan matter—this may be dismissed, by stating that no jury was impanelled in this case—and that therefore, Markdale is not implicated pro or con—and in the case which was tried by jury—the action was taken upon the advice of a Solicitor, and my whole course, was advised or sanctioned by this same Elliott

and then, the Township lost nothing, it was not an action simply against the Township—The damage were retained out of the School Section's money in our hands—so much for consistency!

What is more deprecatory, showing the determined malice, of this Ex-Deputy, is his statement of my inviting, a neighbor to take out a license to sell liquor—I confess it would be most in consistent if I did so—but I didn't, there is the difference—I challenge him to name the person or to prove it—It is inconsistent with my life long professions—and what he thinks to make out of such unmitigated falsehoods, I am at a loss to know.

I did once in my life—only once—upon the request and the pledge and honor of a ROYAL ARCH man to keep strictly within the limits of the law—Sign his Bonds. Is that wrong? I don't make it my business, nor my temperance principles don't bar me from acts of kindness to my Tavern keeping, fellow citizens—all with whom I am on the most friendly terms—Would Elliott carry out such a principle, so solemnly pledged? If his pernicious insinuations concerning myself be an indication, he is unworthy, the respect and cognizance of such an institution.

He is ill at ease regarding my favours to him—he forgets the years 1875; 1876; 1877; 1878; 1879 and subsequently when I made him the Deputy—as against other claimants—Then it was, no burden to be the tool of the Dr.—But you see Sir, I changed my practice, and he very unwillingly acquiesced—he was like the beggar who had been accustomed to receive a penny daily from his benefactor until he claimed it as a right, and when he was refused it, his benefactor was anything but a gentleman.

I am prepared Sir, to vindicate my actions; in the Council or out of it. I never assume anything of importance out of the Council Chamber whatever the decision there—it is my guide—and that is why Mr. Elliott, is so entirely circumscribed and crippled in proof of his allegations—my actions emanated from his sanction, with but few exceptions—and it shows him in a most ridiculous aspect—for every time when he charges one, he is, the mover to carry out the very thing he blames one for—I admit no man is perfect, and speaking of things occurring so long ago—mistakes naturally occur—my writing, as he wrongly says, is not to gain popularity as a Councillor; although it is no boast to say I have more friends at this moment, than ever before—I have no bonus, seeking perambulating business to meet—I have the farmers interest at heart, my strenuous efforts have been to keep down the taxes—for this I have been assailed by a few interested parties—but is the duty to guard the interests of 700 Ratepayers, as against the clamor and inconsistency of a few. Thanking you for the space,

I am Yours,
DR. CHRISTIE.