

any thing whatever, that could admit of such
construction - you have misapplied words in
the construction of a sentence, or your memory
does not serve you - This is not the first
time ^{that} you have misunderstood me, or your
memory has led you into error - I then
found the apology, as now, that you have
not intended to wrong me, by misrepresentation,
but the defect of memory or misapprehension
has misled you - For the misappre-
sentations of others in this matter; ~~has~~
find this apology is my contempt -
that you may never see cause to regret
misplaced confidence in the business wish of
one who scatters former kindness with pro-
trude - I hope that you will duly appreciate
the spirit of this letter, and not with due
consideration its contents - If to misrepresent me
could obliterate & silence the false foul & scanda-
lous reports with which the world is now harassing it -
I should cheerfully encounter
the shaft - for no one more truly regrets them

than myself - or is more deeply satisfied of their
utter falsehood - To guard against the scandal; truly
notice was given of New Rochelle Nov. 1. 1837.
The mode pointed out - The error must now rest where
it belongs - My love to Mrs. M
Mr. Halliday

Without the least sort of ostentatious
feelings towards you, for in truth I have none, but
on the contrary, you have my best wishes for a long,
happy, and prosperous life, and that of my members
of your family - yet, circumstances, which self-
respect forbid, even so much as the recital of;
- and which, I never condescended to meddle with
except, so far as the moral effect upon
my daughter - This, I prepared in the strangest
terms on all proper occasions at the time;
- in my vent, I hope to my indignation and
reprobation for such conduct, this was due
to the occasion - but, which less elevated
mind could not appreciate, of which, I was
satisfied at the time - yet, I discharged a duty
to myself, to my child & to society - that being
done, I washed my hands of the whole affair,
as unworthy of my farther notice; I do

it has remained to the present moment -
- for, I neither think or speak of the
individuals unless incidentally brought
to my mind by others, which I always
said - This ^{has} ~~has~~ incidentally led to
the interruption of all intercourse between
us, now and ~~will~~ ^{perhaps} ~~not~~ ^{forever} - Therefore,
that the breach may not be widened, or
feelings which I desire to cherish un-
interrupted, even under our non inter-
course - I have most earnestly to
request - (I forbear to use the term de-
mand) - that, under no circumstances,
do you use my name, or that of Mrs.
Mowbray to any person, at any time,
or in any manner, connected with ^{the} scene
or the actors in question - The
scandal & false representations of the
wicked & vulgar, I cannot descend to notice -

such is ~~the~~ natural shelter - Thus the
request, that my name be respected by you in
any such description, either in defence, or
otherwise - As it respects any effect upon
me or mine, I am perfectly indifferent -
- but, as I wish to die without an unkind
feeling towards you, I hope that you will
regard my request - All that I have been
told by some ^{kind} friends, that you have
said, I have placed to its proper account -
- knowing, the weakness of poor human
nature - I have not mended it up in
any paper but paid it to your credit - knowing,
the liberal discount you have been
called ^{upon} to make for others, through a long
and active life - I should not now
write you, but, for a statement that you
made to Mr. Wm. Douglas a day or two since
of a remark, that he understood you
to say was made by myself - It is perfectly
certain, that I never used the language
or