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that shall witness the things I lay to your charge. If you satisfy me, we will return good friends; if not, we shall do as God shall put in our minds. I will eschew all bitter words. Seek not to divert this course of satisfaction, for all other means I shall call an affirmation of what I have heard, and right myself as the wrongs require. Make no reply by letter, but send me word by this bearer that you will or will not. Give no cause of noise in the world to hinder this course, lest you baffle your reputation."

Capt. Whitlock said he had charge from the Earl not to take any letter, but to crave answer by word of mouth. Sir Francis said he could not give a sudden answer on such a subject, but would send one.

On Sunday, 25 April, Capt. Ogle came to the Earl, and told him that Sir Francis Vere would not lay himself open to the bearer of his Lordship's letter, but had now sent him an answer.

The Earl said he was resolved to see no letter, but a direct answer, appointing time and place where they should meet, and bring their friends as witnesses; he answered that Sir Francis willed him to say that his Lordship tied him to overhard conditions, by calling him to any such place abroad; the Earl answered it was no disparagement to Sir Francis to say a truth in any place, or in any man's presence; and if he would justify himself, there was no place fitter than such as he required.

Capt. Ogle answered that Sir Francis would bring nobody with him, but meet his Lordship alone in some place where there ought to be no drawing of swords.

The Earl replied that he would meet him alone, but to stand upon respect of place was to no purpose; for neither his own house, Sir Francis's, the Court, nor market place were fit for deciding their controversies; and that wheresoever they met, he would not go without his ordinary weapons, nor would bar the use of them if it were requisite. With this Capt. Ogle departing, offered the letter a second time, saying he knew not how to acquit himself of his duty if he did not deliver it.

The Earl asked if Sir Francis bade him leave the letter in case he would not receive it; he said Yes, when the Earl bade him lay it upon the table, and then stepping to his sword, which was hanging upon the wall, he drew it half out, and bade Capt. Ogle carry back the letter, saying, with his hand upon his sword, "this is sufficient for your discharge of duty towards Sir Francis Vere." Capt. Ogle took the letter up again, and went down, and when he had got into the street, the Earl had him called back again, and bade him tell Sir Francis that he stayed in London expressly for an answer whether he would ap-