

My dear Sir

There is a report of Webster's case coming out with great pretensions of accuracy - having heard that Mr Clifford had corrected his argument & written it out for the Reporter I called on that functionary & asked if we might do the same thing as I had great misgivings of the said reporter's report, but learnt that our unhappy arguments had already been cast in stereotype & that we might have any verbal errors noticed among the errata.

My opening was therefore sent me & I find it impossible to correct it unless it should be entirely written over that is the errors are so numerous & the absurdities so ridiculous in some of the sentences, that no erratum could be contain them, therefore I shall decline