

put his name on it with their own - which
was very conspicuous and has "burked" the
fact that the invention was his - tho' this was
one of the first grounds for a prize, & he had
been assured on all hands that he w^d. have one
for the invention. This was certainly dis-
graceful enough - but not out of keeping with
what our ears of those people. But there
is more than this in it. To justify them-
selves, while they admit that it was their
opinion that the invention was his - they
say that L. Lindsay said to them as nearly
as they can recollect "I do not think Mr.
O. C. had his patent for a moment as I
have a Stand as precisely their plan made ma-
ny years ago." - and they suppose that Lord
L. thus influenced his colleagues of the Jury.

Now Mr. O. naturally wishes to know
whether, if this be so, it might be that
Lord L. has got hold of one of the 25

Mr. O. has made for various people during
the last 13. or 14 years. - If so he feels if
if Lord L. has unintentionally miste the Jury
he ought to make some reparation. -

So he - naturally enough - supposing me
to be a friend of Lord L., has asked me to
write to him about it. But I feel I
must decline - because I really know so
very little of Lord L. ~~that~~ whom I never
saw but once, I think - or possibly twice
and then in your company, & have never
corresponded with him - so that it would
seem hardly suitable in me. - But sh^d. you
be returned - & sh^d. you feel no objection,
you, who know Lord L. so well c^d. probably
make such a thing without apparent interference
whether such a thing was ever said at all
(for my part I have not as much confidence
in H. & J. as would buy a Vulcan) - &