

MISCELLANEOUS.

In the article (p. 311 of this JOURNAL) entitled "A Review of the Latest Investigations on the Dissociation of the Elements," the writer has purposely abstained from entering into the discussion of the ulterior theoretical bearings of the ascertained facts, in spite of the fact that recent articles in the *Chemical News*, and other journals, have indicated, that the nature of the results obtained pointed directly to an experimental confirmation of the murium hypothesis of the compound nature of chlorine. He has now the pleasure of producing the subjoined letter received by him from the distinguished chemist, whose investigations form the subject of the article in question, from which it will appear, that these speculations were premature, and entirely unauthorized by Prof. Meyer himself.

ZURICH, d. 28. Sept., 1879.

SEHR GEEHRTER HERR :

In Erwiderung auf Ihr geehrtes Schreiben vom 12. Sept., theile ich Ihnen mit, dass die Mittheilungen der englischen Journale ueber meine Arbeiten welche ueber Gewinnung von Sauerstoff aus Chlor berichten, ohne mein Wissen und gegen meinen Willen veroeffentlicht sind, und dass diese Mittheilungen in wesentlichen Punkten voellig inkorrekt sind.

Hochachtungsvoll,

PROF. VICTOR MEYER.

[TRANSLATION.]

ZURICH, Sept. 28, 1879.

DEAR SIR :

In reply to your favor of September 12th, I would state that the communications in the English journals concerning my investigations, which report the separation of oxygen from chlorine, have been published without my knowledge and against my wishes, and that the said communications are entirely incorrect in essential particulars.

Respectfully,

PROF. VICTOR MEYER.