

In due time, no doubt, when all peaceful means have been exhausted, should it be necessary, the powers of the Crown will be exerted, and the authority of this Government maintained. In the meantime, let me hear from you by every mail, and inform me by what safe means we can communicate with the least possible delay.

I have the honor to be Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

JOSEPH HOWE,

Secretary of State to the Provinces.

*The Honorable the Secretary of State,  
for the Provinces, Ottawa.*

PEMBINA, 4th November, 1869.

Received by the Secretary of State, on 20th Nov. 1869, the mail of to-day. MY DEAR SIR,—Having been engaged during the day in arranging for a temporary residence on the American side of the line, and in writing to the authorities at Fort Garry, I find I have only a few moments left to catch the mail of to-day. Important events have occurred since my report of the 31st ult. On the 2nd inst., a body of armed half-breeds galloped up to Hudson's Bay Post, and demanded an audience with me; two of the leaders were admitted, and told me they had been sent to order me out of the North-West Territory. When I asked who sent them, they replied, "the government": to my question, what government? they said, "the government they had made." They said I must leave by nine o'clock next morning, I explained my position, but they were evidently very ignorant, and had come for one object, viz:—to compel me to leave the Territory. In the morning they appeared at the gate with arms in their hands, and loudly demanded that we should leave, as after nine o'clock they would not answer for our lives. We accordingly put our horses to our wagons, and drove across the line, accompanied by a portion of the party with arms in their hands.

We are now encamped on American Territory waiting the issue of events. As soon as I hear from the authorities at Fort Garry, what action they or the people have taken on hearing of this outrage, I shall determine my course. The weather is still fair, but winter may set in at any moment. Mr. Provencher and Captain Cameron were sent back from the barricade under escort, and are now here.

There is a strong sympathy among the people here with the insurgents. We are not free from peril, but will not run away so long as we see any purpose can be served by our presence here.

In haste,

Very respectfully yours,

W. McDUGALL.

HAMILTON, 18th, November, 1869.

MY DEAR MR. HOWE,—I am in receipt of your kind letter of the 16th, respecting Telegram which was sent with the conviction that matters were in a more serious state than Mr. McDougall or you supposed. Immediately after your departure, the insurrection began to develop itself. Armed men immediately took possession of the roads entering