

have seen a letter from Red River to a gentleman in London, giving the information that Captain William Hallette and his son were made prisoners by the French; that Dr. Schultz had fled from his premises, and the persons who had guarded his store taken prisoners, and that others were meditating to flee from their homes to some place of safety. The French, knowing well the opinions and dissatisfaction of the English portion of the inhabitants, no doubt, calculated upon their joining them in this movement; and now that some of the English half-breeds are made prisoners this will but exasperate them and kindle a feeling of intenser dissatisfaction with the British Government, for, in fact, having brought about their imprisonment, and all the anxiety, and peril, and possibly bloodshed yet, by its tardy and inadequate line of policy pursued. The fault is a most serious one, and delay will aggravate it, besides its having already held up the rule of the white man to rebuke in the estimation of the aborigines of the soil over all the territory, and lessened the influence of Christianity among them, when it is the manifest design of Divine Providence in raising up Great Britain among the nations to make it the great instrument for spreading the Christian religion over