

their defence, and to appoint military officers over them. This right they have hitherto with great forbearance, refrained from exercising. It is likewise true, that the North West Company without *any authority whatever*, have armed and employed their servants as military forces.

Those who have been branded with the name of sheep, might now legally take forceful and energetic measures to maintain their authority :—But the flock will find a more powerful, tho' more tardy support, in the protection of the British Lion, which cannot under present circumstances be withheld from them without infamy.

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