

cisive witness against one of the North West partners; upon his trial for murder, to escape,* this is only one matter, I rescue from the oblivion into which those concerns are fast hastening, as a partial proof that the support of such characters can do no credit to the party they espouse. Mr. Bouchette, though a Canadian, is under heavy pecuniary obligations to the party which he has joined, and, though he may be sincere, they laugh at him in their sleeves.

Thus you see the causes whence these three heroes have become strong unionists; but I leave it for you to explain whence it is that the Englishmen who have allowed themselves to be nominated on the committee, have fallen into the snare which the Scotch faction have laid for them. † To pass, however, to another subject.

The city and district of Quebec, are impressed with general dissatisfaction, at the appointment of a son of the chief justice, who is literally beardless, as sheriff of this district; a very lucrative office. You no doubt know, that under the tyrant Craig, several loyal and respectable citizens, such, for instance, as Mr. Tachereau, and Mr. Bedard, at present judge at Three Rivers, were imprisoned, most wantonly and unjustly, as appeared in the sequel, by warrant of the chief justice, in the

*I beg to set my correspondent right in this particular. — The Indian in question, *Fils de perdrix*, was brought down by Mr. Coltman, as a witness, he, having been present at the murder, and the faith of government, as well as Mr. C.'s private word, was pledged to the Indian, (whose attendance was of course voluntary, no compulsory process of law being serviceable upon him, as being one of an Indian nation, allies, not subjects of England,) that no harm should happen to him. But in the course of the proceedings that followed, the attorney general thought proper to include this Indian in the bill of indictment, as accessory to the murder, and wanted him to be put upon his trial; hence, Mr. Coltman, very properly, redeemed his pledge, and the faith of government, by procuring him to be sent back to his country, thro' the North West Company. If justice suffered hereby, it was the attorney general's fault, not Mr. Coltman's. I do not, however, pretend to defend or justify, the rest of his conduct in the prosecution of that commission. L. L. M.

†I certainly was surprised to see the names of two or three Englishmen, amongst the committee in favour of the union: one in particular, a gentleman whom I had the pleasure of knowing in London, where his character and opinions, were noted for their liberality, and the honest warmth with which he espoused the cause of freedom, and detested all oppression and coercion. J. L. M.