

pardoned. I was the next who was put in irons ; I was in irons two days and a night. Then, after the irons were taken off me, they were put on poor Scott, and kept on him till he was taken out to be shot. Then they were put on Murdoch McLeod, and kept on him till he was liberated from prison. We got into this trouble for trying to do an act of humanity towards our fellow-men who were kept in prison for so long a time—I believe some ten or twelve weeks—and their only crime, as far as I am aware, was loyalty to Queen Victoria ; and, surely, all that has been done to us as loyal subjects by this tyrant will not be overlooked by our great mother across the big waters. I lost about £80 worth of property, besides my imprisonment, and the rebels keep all that they took from us—horses, cutters, guns, &c. &c.

“The Company’s property is catching it; they have taken most all the Company had at the Portage Post, and at Lane’s they have carried away most of his property. They have butchered upwards of sixty head of cattle, all of Lane’s work oxen ; Dr. Schultz’s property is all taken, and so is Mr. Mair’s. There are a great many Canadians gone back to Canada, and also two or three natives. John James Setter and William Drever, and, I believe, Joseph Monckman is along with Schultz. It will be some stirring times here before all is settled. I believe that nothing short of a strong body of troops will put everything right, and restore peace throughout the settlement. God only knows how the thing is to end. The French may show their power over us to such an extent that will lead to a civil war, and if it once breaks out, the settlement will be ruined. Hoping that all will come right ere long, and that peace will be restored among us, I conclude by wishing you well. I was in prison thirty-two days.”

II.

“It is such a long time since I had an opportunity of writing to you, that now I feel it a pleasure to be able to sit down and write