

"*First.* From the time of Scott's murder up to the present time, there has been no power or authority in the Dominion, or the Provinces of Ontario or Quebec, or elsewhere, except in Rupert's Land and the Province of Manitoba to put the law in motion or cause the arrest of the murderers, none of them having been within any of the other Provinces of the Dominion since the murder, except in the Province of Manitoba and the Territory which is now that Province.

"*Secondly.* Any of the murderers might have been arrested by the proper officers in Rupert's Land, on information laid under the authority of the Governing powers there, and either have been tried there or sent by the authorities there for trial in the proper criminal Courts of Ontario, Quebec, or British Columbia, which had concurrent jurisdiction for such trials until the Act 34 Vict., ch 14, was passed on the 14th April, 1871.

"*Thirdly.* At the time the Government of Ontario offered the reward of \$5,000 for the murderers, there was no power or authority existing in Ontario to cause their arrest out of Ontario, or their trial within Ontario, or otherwise render substantial justice in the premises in Ontario, as by the terms of the Act of the Parliament of Canada, passed 14th April, 1871, all jurisdiction over every description of felony, including murder, committed in Manitoba as a Territory or a Province was vested in the Courts of the Province of Manitoba alone.

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"1st May, 1872."