

“ who had been wounded in the affair of the 19th June, was probably dead before then. ‘ So much the better,’ said Mr. M’Leod, “ the more of them that are killed, the more they (the Half-breeds,) “ will be exasperated.’ Mr. Keith was present, going in with “ M’Leod.

“ I met Mr. Alexander M’Donell, early in August, at the rapids “ this side of the Mountain Portage : he there told me, that there “ was a large order at Fort William, from the Half-breeds, for goods “ and equipments ; that they were already made up and were to “ be sent in.

“ After my arrival here from the interior, Mr. M’Gillivray told “ me, on the gallery, that there were, I think he said, either twelve “ or thirteen loaded canoes to be sent to Red River, and that the “ returns would not pay for five of them ; however, said he, that is “ not the question. These canoes would have gone off long before “ your Lordship’s arrival, but that there were not men to take them.

“ I saw in a cupboard in the Council House, some letters taken “ from Lagimoniere ; they were open, and I read one from Mr. “ Pillet to Colin Robertson, and Warrants in Mr. Stuart’s hand writing, signed *Selkirk*, against Pangman, (Bostonois,) Cuthbert “ Grant, William Shaw, &c. I have no doubt that the packet Lagimoniere had, was brought to Fort William before I went to Red “ River ; but I did not see any of the letters till my return.—A few “ days before your Lordship appeared here, Mr. M’Gillivray asked “ me repeatedly to go to Red River for the winter, and that Mr. “ Hugh M’Gillis would avail himself of his rotation, to go to see his “ friends below : this proposal I declined.

“ After our arrest, I went to visit Mr. William M’Gillivray in his “ room, to consult with him, if I should tell your Lordship, on my “ examination, that there were yet nine or ten men with Mr. John “ M’Kay, trading for the Hudson Bay Company, at Qui Appelle River,—that Cuthbert Grant told me, when at Red River, that he “ would go and bring them away, but that, at my desire, he promised not to molest them. Mr. M’Gillivray charged me not to mention any thing to your Lordship about this, as otherwise it would “ shew, that the North-West Company have a control over the “ Half-breeds.