

would not come over to his Lordship's views) against whom Lord Selkirk was most indignant and vindictive, as having been with the escort or band who resisted the unprovoked attack made upon them last June, by Mr Semple and his people, when he, and many of them unhappily fell victims to their temerity and aggression.

His Lordship made Daniel leave an opening to this Cuthbert Grant for pardon and oblivion of all, if he would turn now and support his interests; adding by way of bait or salvo, that his Lordship was induced to this, from Grant having exerted himself, although ineffectually, to save Mr Semple's life.

Thus, it is seen, as I have on a former occasion observed, that his Lordship's *polar star* is *self-interest*, to which all *public considerations*, and the rights of others, are invariably sacrificed by him. No man, who had not become callous, could possibly have used magisterial authority for the systematic purpose of destroying rivals, in order to engross their trade by himself and copartners. He probably presumes upon impunity, by reason of his rank and influence, but sadly indeed must Britons be changed, *if*, when the truth, and the above mentioned swindle are known by them, *that rank* be not considered an aggravation of his crimes.

Since the capture of Fort William, he sent a party to take the North West Post at Lake La Pluie, occupied by a clerk and a few men. The commander
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