

third power without their leave and consent ; that they decline to be sold as a chattel of the Hudson's Bay territory, as the people of Alaska were to the United States ; and protest that, if British subjects at all, they are the subjects not of Canada, but of England ; that they are a colony of England, and not "a colony of a colony ;" that it is a case, in fact, precisely parallel with that of New Zealand, with this difference only—that there is even a clearer responsibility attaching to the mother country, and a stronger right on the part of the loyal subjects of the Crown to claim the interference of the Government ; that either they are British subjects, or they are not—if they are, then their allegiance is to England and not to Canada ; if they are not, still less right have the Canadians to annex them by violence—to make war, in fact, in the Queen's name, against a people not the Queen's enemies ; that the Red River people have "a very reasonable grievance ;" that "the matter is a very serious one," and on it hangs not only the peace of our North American territory, but the future of the colonies, &c. ; in short, opinions identical with those contained in the subjoined correspondence.

Since posting my last letter to Earl Granville, I