

them a different opinion.—When I saw him at Fort William, he seemed exceedingly angry with his partners on account of the arrangement they had made with Captain Macdonell. When I observed, that a different conduct would have led to bloodshed, he replied, with a sneer, that he knew better, and that Miles Macdonell would not have burnt a priming :—adding that it was not the value of the provisions he regretted, but the insult offered to the concern.

Aulay M'Aulay, a clerk, having refused to serve out ammunition to the Indians, for the purpose of attacking Governor Macdonell's party during the recent dispute, he was not allowed to come to the general mess-table at Fort William, and the other clerks were ordered not to associate with him. He was afterwards sent to Montreal on a loaded canoe, as a mark of disgrace.

Alexander M'Donell, though a junior clerk, was this year, (1814) made a partner, and I believe was indebted for this early promotion, to his having distinguished himself in various acts of great atrocity, which I have always observed to be a general rule with the Company,—the most violent characters being the most patronised.

While at Fort William I made an offer, through Mr. John Haldane, to the agents of the Company, that if they would give me a passage to Red River, I would buy goods from them to the amount of the money due to me, the savings of thirteen years service,—and that I would bind myself in the penalty of a thousand pounds, never to oppose the interest of the Company, in the capacity of an Indian trader. Mr.