

Americans, Natives or Canadian half-breeds, who of themselves do appoint their own Magistrates, and constitute their own courts, and in so far follow the example set them by the Hudson's Bay Company, may it not further be asked, does this widening of the assumption either lessen the evil or form an adequate set off thereto? Or is the greater to be tolerated, and the less to be put down, and fresh data to be afforded for the renewal of the promulgation of the sentiment of "one law for the rich, and another for the poor"?

Besides, Your Grace, these persons or communities out there† who assume to perform Magisterial powers, do so with their hands clean and free as to any penal bond against it, whilst the Hudson's Bay Company did tie their own hands, and those of their servants, not to occupy such a position, and to refer all such matters to the English and Canadian Courts. And in favour of the former it may also be urged that they have been prompted to it for self-protection, and in the spirit of setting up a sort of provisional Government for the time being till Her Majesty shall establish an elective form of Government for which they have again and again sent their Petitions across the great waters to the British Authorities.

Finally, I will only beg leave to trouble, Your Grace, with one other utterance of opinion that, if the Settlement of this question be long delayed, not only may there be the increase of subjects across the line

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†To wit, Portage la prairie.