

taining from Government complete absolution and a plenary indulgence, for all crimes committed, or to be committed, and that their despotism was re-established more amply than ever; so that in dread of their vengeance he was glad to purchase his peace, by signing or swearing any thing they chose to dictate.

It was certainly wrong in Lord Selkirk, to enter into any transaction whatever, with such a man, or in circumstances that led to so great a probability of misrepresentation; but it is not to be supposed that if he had avoided this step, his conduct would have been less severely censured.—The talents of his adversaries at misrepresentation, are not to be disarmed, by any human degree of prudence: where a blot cannot be found, one may always be invented; and among their dependants they have no difficulty in finding men, to whom the most enormous perjury will cost no effort.

*Montreal, May, 1818.*



### *Reference to Arbiters.*

WHEREAS, divers disputes and controversies, have arisen between, the Right Honorable Thomas, Earl of Selkirk, on the one part, and the Honorable William M'Gillivray, Roderick M'Kenzie, Angus Shaw, Daniel M'Kenzie, John M'Donald, Archibald Norman M'Leod, Alexander M'Dougall, Duncan Cameron, James Hughes, Hugh M'Gillis, John M'Gillivray, James M'Kenzie, Simon Fraser, John Duncan Campbell, David Thompson, John Thompson, Alexander Fraser, Eneas Cameron, Sir Alexander M'Kenzie, Thomas