

" vray say, that they ought to be sent away as soon as possible, and
 " that they should not have been allowed to come here, or be seen
 " at all.

" When I was about to set out from Fort William, early in July
 " last, to go to Red River, Mr. M'Gillivray told me to bring as
 " many Indians along as I could :—he did not say for what purpose.
 " Mr. M'Leod had gone into the interior in the spring, and we had
 " not yet heard the events of the 19th of June. I left this with a
 " brigade of Iroquois Indians, consisting of between forty and fifty
 " men, including two or three boys employed as cooks. Mr. Ken-
 " noth M'Kenzie told me, that there was no occasion for giving me
 " instructions ; but *Ignace*, who is an Indian Chief and guide of the
 " brigade, was a long time with Mr. M'Gillivray, in his room, be-
 " fore setting out. At the mouth of Winipic River, I left Ignace
 " and all the Iroquois, except six men, and Pierre the Negro, that I
 " took with me to Red River. I found some Indians at Lac a la
 " Pluie, who I was informed had refused to accompany Mr. M'Leod ;
 " but I think would have gone with me had I asked them.—I met
 " at the Sturgeon Lake, the light canoe in which were Mr. Hughes,
 " Lieutenants Mesani and Brumby, coming from Red River. They
 " brought the first accounts of the unfortunate state of affairs there.
 " Hughes told me that there was a letter found from the Earl of Sel-
 " kirk to Captain Macdonell, of nine pages long, wherein his
 " Lordship recommends œconomy, and that their clerks might pass
 " the year, with two pounds of tea, as well as the North-West
 " clerks.

" While at Lac a la Pluie, a free Canadian, named Vincent Roy,
 " gave me a letter from Captain Miles Macdonell, addressed to the
 " Earl of Selkirk, which Roy said he had from Hector M'Donald,
 " the Piper. John Sayer, the North-West Company's clerk, then
 " in charge of the post, was going to open it, but I hindered him,
 " and enclosed the letter to Mr. Wm. M'Gillivray, in presence of
 " Sayer, Roy, Ferries, and I believe, Harrison, who left the place
 " for Fort William on that or the following day.

" On my return from Red River, I met Mr. A. N. M'Leod, at the
 " entrance of Rivière au Foin, near the Two River Portage, on his
 " way to the interior ; I told him that young Troquet, the *Métif*,