

Nous soussignes certifions sous serment, que les signatures au dessus ont été donnees librement et volontairement consentiés par chacun des signataires reciproques.

Riviere Rouge, Departement de la Baye d'Hudson, ce Premier Juin, Milhuit Cent Quarante Six.

WILLIAM DEASE,

CHARLES MONTIGNY.

J. BAPTISTE PAYETTE,

CUTHBERT M'GILLIS.

J. LOUIS RIELLE,

“ Membres d'un Comité élu par le peuple.”

For the guidance of the Memorialists the following INSTRUCTIONS, relating more specially to the Natives of the Red River District, were addressed to the Delegate in charge of the Petition :—

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MESSENGER BY THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

We, the undersigned members of a Committee elected by the people in order to redact a petition to elect a Messenger, and commit to wrighting instructions to the same in conformity with the desires and unanimously known interests of the people have inscribed the following observations.

It will be a duty to the Commissary to take the oportunity of every favourable circumstance to give a true state of the manner in which this colony and the country in general is governed ; to expose sincerely the desires of its inhabitants, and the possible improvement for their welfare. He shall make use of moderation speaking of those whose interests are opposed to ours with discretion and in honest terms. He shal have a peculiar care in advancing nothing but that could be duely proved.

He must note previously that the Company having bought from the succession of Lord Silkirk his wrights upon this Colony, we do consider the same Company as being obliged to fulfil the contracts of it, and to promote the prosperity of the said Colony.

He shall represent :—

1st. That several individuals are complaining that the Company have obliged them to pay lands without giving them any contract in legal form, and in spite of their will, the officers of the Company retaining upon the wages of their servants the price of the same lands : which price has been placed not in the municipal trunk [bank], but in that of the Company ; is it, then, that the Company might have the property of the lands ? this appears to us inseperably united to the rights of the crown.

2nd. The Company gives in circulation bills, the exchange thereof cannot be received but in London, a thing which is impossible to the greatest number of us ; could we not have a right to