

prison.* You, yourself know, Mr. Macculloch, with what virulence and alacrity Mr. S. took up, and persevered in, the accusations which were brought by Lord Selkirk, against the North-West-Company. and that the Hon. John Richardson, was always considered to be the chief protector, patron, and advocate with government, of that concern, and only not included in the numerous bills of indictment, that were brought and found against the active partners in that company, for murder, arson, robbery, riot and conspiracy, because he remained always behind the curtain, and nothing could be brought home to him, whilst the M'Gillivays, the M'Leells, the M'Kenzie, the M'Leods, and ever so many more Macs, are still under bail to take their trials for those offences.† And now who is a more frequent visitor at the tables of the party, than Mr. Stuart? He can now partake of their fare, drink their wine, and converse upon past events with the utmost sang-froid, after he has accused them of every crime at which human nature shudders.

But what is more astonishing, is, that Mr. Stuart should now be hand and glove, with Mr. Gerard, a man whom he has publicly accused of the "foulest deed," & that he should propose him as one of the union committee; surely his frame must have trembled when he was about to utter his name, and, if report speaks true, he felt some reluctance in proposing him,

**I certainly do know, that Mr. Stuart was always an object of extreme hatred, in the eyes of Mr. Richardson, and his friends of the N. W. Company; but Mr. R. always expressed himself, as far as my experience went, with measured caution, due sedateness, and gentlemanly mildness, on the subject of Mr. S. Not so the other gentlemen of the concern; in their mouths no invective was too bad, no curses too deep.*

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†This has, in another page of this number, been shown to be absolutely nothing, but were it otherwise, the union that has now taken place between the two companies, or rather the absorption of the Montreal N. W. Co. into the Hudson-Bay Company, will prevent these questions from being ever again legally agitated, as no doubt, the M'Gillivays, who have, in these transactions, treacherously abandoned the interests, and betrayed the whole of their former associates, have made it a condition, that all prosecutions should be abandoned, one which they could not obtain whilst the earl of Selkirk was alive who disdainfully rejected that clause, whenever it was brought forward, in the several negotiations that were entered into, for an arrangement of the difficulties between the two companies.

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