

as it interfered not only with their emoluments, but also with their influence and power, over the rest of the concern, which could not be kept up unless they had in their own hands all the property of the wintering partners; but he observed, and with great appearance of reason, that he was under no obligation to consult the interests of the Montreal Agents, when they were at variance with those of the principals of the concern, with whom alone he was in partnership. In securing the value of the property in question, he maintained, that he had served the interests of his partners. Such was undoubtedly the view of the matter, which Mr. M'Kenzie entertained, when he left Fort William; but on his voyage towards Montreal, he was met on Lake Huron, by several of his partners, who had been liberated on bail, and were then on their way, with one hundred and fifty Iroquois in arms, to retake Fort William, avowing their intention to recover possession by fair means or foul, by legal pretexts, or open violence, full of boasts of the feats they were to atchieve, and the vengeance they were to take on all their enemies, declaring that if Lord Selkirk was not killed in the assault, he should be brought down in irons, and perhaps with the view of giving him in custody to some person as faithful and trusty as Reinhart, or Mainville. By these gentlemen Mr. M'Kenzie was taken, from the canoe in which he was proceeding, and being once in the hands of persons who understood how to play upon all his weaknesses, he was soon persuaded, that the Montreal Agents had succeeded in ob-

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