

occasion, he shook hands with the ringleaders of the thieves, and distributed drams to the whole of the banditti ; that repeated attacks were made, afterwards on the Government House of the Colony, by the same parties, sallying forth, under arms, and in military array from Cameron's post, where the clerks furnished them by his orders, and in his sight with arms and ammunition, and where they were frequently trained, and exercised for the purpose ; that some families of the settlers were even dragged as prisoners out of their houses, because they refused to go to Canada, in the canoes of the North West Company ; that Cameron himself threatened to put some of them in irons, for the same reason ; that another of their agents threatened Mrs. M'Lean, in the presence of her husband, who had been severely wounded in one of their attacks, that she and her children should be burnt alive in their house if they did not quit the settlement ; that the most active of the incendiaries, who were employed in setting fire to the houses, were the same clerks and servants of the North West Company, who had been so conspicuous in the preceding outrages, under Cameron's authority ; that none, but the North West Company and you, have been found to assert, that a single native Indian was concerned in these nefarious proceedings ; that when the partners of the North West Company assembled, last summer, at Fort William, on Lake Superior, they prematurely congratulated one another on the complete destruction of the Colony ; that their dependents in order to obtain favor, boasted of the share they had taken, in effecting that object ; that such of the traitorous settlers, as had been most active in their cause, were presented to the principal partners of the Company, as gentlemen worthy of their friendship ; and that one, in particular, for the pre-eminent atrocity he had displayed, in the outrages against his countrymen, at the colony, was especially praised by Mr. Cameron, for his conduct and zeal, as a partizan, and, though nothing more than a common peasant, was distinguished by being seated at table above the Clerks, and next to the partners of the Company.

In the face of these facts, gentlemen of the North West Company, both in London and Montreal, have dared to ascribe the whole infamy of those infernal transactions to the native