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Jurisdiction. Witness does not recollect the existence of any agreement by the Company to send criminals to be tried in Canada, *Sir G. Simpson* 1630-1632.—On one occasion three men were sent to Canada for trial for murder, *ib.* 1633, 1634.—Criminal as well as civil jurisdiction exercised by Mr. Thorn at Red River; case of an Indian hanged by his decree, *M'Laughlin* 5019-5029.

Witness, as Governor of Assiniboia, considered that he had not jurisdiction in cases involving an issue of more than 200 *l.* damages, and wrote to the home authorities on the subject, *Caldwell* 5458. 5507.—Explanation as to witness having received information from London, that he had jurisdiction in civil cases, which, like that of *Foss v. Pelly*, involved damages of more than 200 *l.*, *ib.* 5507-5516. 5591, 5592.—Instances of trial at Red River of cases of a capital nature, *ib.* 5517-5519.—Previously to the investigations of the present Committee, witness was not aware that capital cases should be referred to the courts in Canada, *ib.* 5520-5524.

The obligation of the Company to send certain prisoners and cases to Canada, does not apply to the chartered territories, *Right Hon. E. Ellice* 5826, 5827. 6014. 6016, 6017.—Examination as to the accuracy of the foregoing statement, that the jurisdiction of the Canadian courts of justice did not extend over all the Company's territories; explanation that the jurisdiction might be enforced, but never has been, *ib.* 5887-5894 6014-6017.—Authority under which the Company holds courts of record at Red River, *ib.* 6010-6013.

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