

" have to go to Red River, to take a temporary charge of posts ;
 " that it was most likely there would be warrants against Duncan
 " Cameron and Alexander M'Donell, and that these gentlemen
 " might consequently have to go out of the way for a time. The
 " above gentlemen acquainted me with this before we left town.
 " Mr. M'Gillivray told myself in Mr. Thain's Counting House, in
 " presence of that gentleman and Kenneth M'Kenzie, that my ser-
 " vices were wanted ; and directed me to go to Drummond's Isl-
 " and and Michillimackinac to purchase there all the provisions,
 " canoes, &c. &c.—to prevent the Earl of Selkirk and his people
 " from getting to the interior. I came up with Mr. A. N. M'Leod,
 " who sent me from Point Tessalon on Lake Huron, on this busi-
 " ness. I also carried Despatches from Government to Lieutenant
 " Colonel M'Douall, Commandant of Drummond's Island. After
 " executing all that I could of the business I was sent upon, I came
 " to the Sault St. Mary, and was there in June last, when Mr. M'Gil-
 " livray arrived from Montreal, accompanied from Drummond's Isl-
 " and by Lieutenant Colonel M'Douall.

" I took a passage with Mr. M'Gillivray from the Sault to Fort
 " William ; we put in at the trading post of Michipicoton, and just as
 " we were embarking to proceed on our journey, a light canoe touch-
 " ed there, coming to meet Mr. M'Gillivray. By it he received a
 " letter from Mr. A. N. M'Leod, stating that we (the North-West
 " Company,) had been in a most shameful manner driven from the
 " country ; that Lagimoniere must be stopped ; and that orders had
 " been sent for that purpose ; that Morrison had orders to raise the
 " Indians of Fond du Lac. Mr. M'Gillivray gave me the perusal
 " of this letter, but as far as I remember, said nothing at the time.

" The first or second day after our arrival at Fort William, a
 " Saulteur Indian from Fond du Lac, step-son to one of our Cana-
 " dians named Charette, asked me for some rum, telling me at the
 " same time that he was one of those Indians who had lately taken
 " the letters at Fond du Lac. He repeated his request different
 " times. There were then here three Courte-Oreille Indians lately
 " from the same quarter, all of whom we understood to have been
 " at the taking of the letters. They all came into the great Hall,
 " pressing for ammunition and other articles. I heard Mr. M'Gilli-