

2. With respect to the climate and soil of the Red River country, a multitude of authorities might be referred to, among which a few only shall be selected. The first is a letter from a gentleman, who has been for many years employed to manage a branch of the Fur Trade there, on account of the North-West Company of Montreal. He had received the strongest assurances of promotion in their service; but he judged it more advantageous to settle in the Colony lately formed in that country; and accordingly set out from Montreal, a few days after the date of the letter, with the intention of proceeding to Red River, and establishing himself there as a settler. He is brother to a very respectable manufacturer in Dean Street, Southwark.

SIR,

*Montreal, 4th October, 1814.*

"In answer to your queries, concerning the climate and natural productions of Red River, I have the honour to present you with the following statement:

"I have resided thirteen years on Red River, and have always been in the habit of cultivating its soil; and from experience can take upon myself to say, that the climate is much the same as in Upper Canada; that is, the winters are of a shorter duration, and much milder, than those experienced at Quebec.

"Last summer I had water melons sown in the open ground on the 4th of June, which were ripe early in September; the largest weighing 13lbs. The musk melons and cucumbers were as large, and as well flavoured, as I ever met with at a fruit shop in London. Turnips sown on the 25th of June, were fit for the table about the middle of August. In October one of them