

POSTSCRIPT.

The inquiry before the Committee of the House of Commons was brought to a termination on Tuesday, the 23rd inst. From the manner in which it has been hurried over, from the constitution of the Committee itself, and from the non-examination of one very important witness, whose name, as the Council have reason to know, was given in to the chairman, there is but too much cause to apprehend that the public interest will again be sacrificed. One of the last witnesses examined was the Right Hon. Edward Ellice, who, as a leading member of the North-West Fur Company of Montreal, so stoutly opposed the Hudson's Bay Company, utterly denying the validity of its charter, and accusing it of all manner of crimes, murder and robbery included. The two Companies being now one concern, and Mr. Ellice one of the principal shareholders, he is quite in love with the Company's policy and rule; and he professes to believe that the chartered rights, which he once utterly repudiated, are quite incontestable! He concedes, indeed, that the monopoly gives the Company power to fix what prices it pleases with the Indians; but he contends that the results of competition would be to deluge the Indians with spirituous liquors, and cause them to make war upon each other! Yet even he admits that Vancouver's Island should be recovered as soon as possible, and constituted a British colony. He was followed by Mr. A. K. Isbister, who gave valuable evidence as to the capabilities of the country, and the withering effects of the monopoly, and handed in a memorial from the Red River settlers, specifying a long array of grievances against the company. The question that remains to be solved is, whether Parliament and the public will consent to hoodwinked by such glaring tergiversation as that of Sir George Simpson and the Right Hon. Edward Ellice.