

eed perfect confidence in his disposition, to act for their common interest. The invasion of the colony by an armed Banditti, the plundering of the Government house, and the subsequent reduction of it, and the habitations of the inoffensive settlers to ashes, were acts of unparalleled barbarity, which it was impossible to deny; therefore, the partners of the N.W. Company, have asserted that they were effected without any co operation of their servants, and that they were wholly the work of the native Indians, and more especially of the half breeds. They have even attempted to find a justification, for the hostile acts of the latter, who are their kinsmen, by pretending that such a ruthless and insignificant band form an independent nation, who lay claim to the territory of the colony as their own. On this claim it may be remarked, that, by the Laws of England, illegitimate children cannot inherit even the personal property of their own parents, but here is a cluster of civil magistrates and gentlemen of the North West Company, presuming to question the King's prerogative, and, in the face of a grant, regularly made by the Crown to other persons, laying claim to all these lands, in the name of their own bastards, and those of their dependents; a mode of providing for their progeny, truly becoming the affection of patriarchs.

In order to deter people, who were desirous of emigrating, from joining the settlement, many endeavours have likewise been made, through the medium of newspapers, and by other subordinate means, besides your pamphlet, to mislead the public, and to induce them to believe, that the Indians were hostile to the settlement. I have stated before, that the attempt to ruin the Colony, was entirely the work of the partizans of the North West Company, employed for that purpose, under the superintendence of their agent, Mr. Duncan Cameron. That statement is grounded on facts, which all their counter assertions cannot weaken, nor all their falsehoods overturn. No person who has the least regard to truth will venture to deny, that, when, in obedience to Cameron's orders, the cannon were taken by an armed force, from the store of the Colony, these fruits of lawless violence were carried, amidst the shouts and acclamations of the robbers, by Mr. Cameron, the agent of the North West Company, into their post, which they chose to call Fort Gibraltar; that on that occasion,