

“ it was George Campbell, Angus M'Kay and John Matheson, that broke the back bone of the Colony. About twenty shawls were given in presents last year by Mr. John M'Donald, *bras croche*, and Mr. Inglis, to the women of the settlers from Red River.—One Mr. Herigault, in the service of the Hudson Bay Company, arrived here in August, last year, with a canoe, going with letters to Red River. One of his men named Defond, an interpreter, was taken from him by the Half-breeds, and confined in a part of the Fort called the Suburbs; and as I understand, before they would release him, made him put his name to a paper, promising, or binding him never to come to this country again.

“ Alexander Fraser, the Half-breed, a clerk in the service of the North-West Company, who has been so active in Red River, was here last summer, on his way down to his friends; and was prevailed on by the solicitations of Messrs. M'Donell and Cameron to go with them to Red River, promising him to make him Chief of the Half-breeds of Red River; Mr. M'Donell promised to resign his Lieutenantcy in his favor. Being here at the time, I have a perfect knowledge of the first part: the Lieutenantcy, Fraser told me of himself this summer. I told Captain Miles last year, either at this place or on the passage to the Sault St. Mary, that they, (the North-West Company,) were going to send all the Half-breeds to Red River.—My son Roderick was two years on my hands, after coming of age to be useful. I could not get him placed in the Company's service till last year, when they were engaging all the Half-breeds for Red River. He was taken on a contract for seven years.

“ Mr. Thain was very angry when he heard of Lagimoniere's arrival at Montreal, and said that the North-West Company's people were blockheads to let him pass their posts. This spring, before leaving Montreal, I asked Mr. Thain in his Counting House, if they (the North-West Company,) wished the Colony to be destroyed? he answered, “ yes.”

“ Messrs. Thomas M'Murray, Robert Henry, Charles Grant, J. W. Dease, and Ferries, were spoken to this spring at Montreal by Mr. William M'Gillivray, who told them that they should all