

slightest objection to your publishing your correspondence with this department.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

FREDERIC ROGERS.

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MY LORD,—I had not intended to write your Lordship so soon again, but the gravity of the contents of a letter which I have just received from Red River presses on me to do so, which informs me that a body of 600 of the French, in arms, guarded the road between Red River and Pembina, who sent word to Governor M'Dougall that if he attempted to come in he would be shot; that the mail was stopped and opened, private property taken possession of, and all parties and goods coming in were seized and opened; and after this they marched down and took possession of Fort Garry, with the ammunition and guns, and are still there in large numbers; that the Rapids people took possession of the Stone Fort; that a large force of Sioux Indians were at the Portage; and that every preparation was going forward for fighting; and, after expressing fears of detailing more in case this letter should be opened, the writer concludes: "If war commences here, God only knows how it will end; for most of the French are half-Indians, and, Indian fashion, may revenge on the women and children. We may be all killed before any troops can reach us from Canada. The French have no design to injure the English, but they demand certain privileges."