

## ADVERTISEMENT.

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*AS soon as I heard that the Earl of Selkirk was commencing a Settlement on the Red River. I determined to warn the Public of the deception, and of the great misery which Emigrants must experience in such a distant and inhospitable region. But it was difficult to procure the necessary information; and before it could be obtained, the progress of the American war called my attention to distress nearer home.*

*It was not till last June that I was able to get a copy of his Lordship's Prospectus. a paper neatly drawn up, but, alas! destitute of truth. — To those who are amazed, after reading my remarks, at the promises and assertions which it contains I am justified in saying, that promises still more remarkable, and assertions still more extravagant, were made by the Earl of Selkirk himself, at Stromness, in June 1813, to persons whom he was enticing to go out.*

*Few of these wretched men have any written agreement; an omission, I hope, not wilfully made, to prevent legal redress: for surely punishment ought to be inflicted on Speculators who persuade Families, under false pretences, to leave their native homes.*

*Of the Settlers who went to the Red River, many died at Church-hill, in Hudson's Bay, from the severity of the climate, and the quality of their food. Others seriously injured their health; and not one of those who have escaped, saw a joyful day, from the time they left Scotland, till they began their journey to Canada. — The following Letter may prevent any more from encountering the miseries of the polar regions; and this is all I am able to effect. But retributive justice is due; and I flatter myself, that among the many great examples of disinterested benevolence so common in Great Britain, one may be found sufficiently powerful to compel Lord Selkirk, and his brother Proprietors, to make ample compensation to the Survivors for the money and effects lost at Church-hill, and the miseries they have endured.*

York, Upper Canada, October 5, 1815.