

“ and told Mr. M'Donald that if he wished to make presents, he  
 “ should do it out of his own pocket. I know, however, that the  
 “ presents were sent, and I believe they charged me with my  
 “ share of it; which will appear by the accounts. Duncan Came-  
 “ ron was made a Captain in the Voyageur Corps, so that he might  
 “ command Captain M'Donell in Red River.

“ When I had charge at Fond du Lac, I received late in March,  
 “ or the beginning of April 1814, a letter from Mr. Duncan Came-  
 “ ron, dated from the Forks of Red River, in which he mentioned,  
 “ that he had orders to destroy the Colony, and that if he fell, he  
 “ supposed that the North-West Company would appoint me to suc-  
 “ ceed him. Mr. Dugal Cameron wrote me by the same express,  
 “ and mentioned that the Highlanders must be the greatest scoun-  
 “ drels in the world, if they took up arms against us.

“ Mr. Simon M'Gillivray was here in summer of 1815. He told  
 “ the gentlemen partners in my presence, in the Council House, that  
 “ he did not apprehend any bad consequences to the North-West  
 “ Company, from what they had done towards the Colony in Red  
 “ River. This Gentleman wrote from Fort William to Samuel  
 “ Black, a clerk in our service, thanking him for his gallant behavi-  
 “ our in the affair where Mr. Johnston of the Hudson Bay Company  
 “ fell; promising at the same time to send him a present this year  
 “ from London, of a fine gun, a pair of pistols, and either a sword  
 “ or a dagger, I do not recollect which. I also saw while he was  
 “ here, seven or eight *habillements* given to the Half-breeds from  
 “ Red River; delivered to them by Messrs. Duncan Cameron and  
 “ Alexander M'Donell; they were rolled up, so that I cannot say  
 “ if they were compleat. At the same time, Pangman (Bostonois.)  
 “ and Antoine Hoole, got each a sword. This transaction took  
 “ place in the same room which I at present occupy.

“ It was proposed in Council in July, last year, that Alexander  
 “ M'Donell should be sent from Red River to some other Depart-  
 “ partment; to which Duncan Cameron objected, and stated, that  
 “ the Half-breeds were so fond of Mr. M'Donell, they would leave  
 “ Red River and follow him wherever he went. Mr. Simon M'Gil-  
 “ livray observed that he was glad to hear it.

“ Mr. Alexander M'Donell told me last summer, while here, that