

and copied by some of his people when they were sent to Daniel for signature, none of which (one excepted) he asserts he ever read, or at the time of his signature was in a state to comprehend : indeed his signatures compared with his former ones, furnish evident proof of this. By these papers or deeds, the merchandize and other property at Fort William (the buildings excepted,) were sold at specific prices, and the furs to be sent to England for sale, but the proceeds to go provisionally to his Lordship : An arbitration for settlement of conflicting claims, was also part of these fraudulent conventions for swindling the North West Company out of their property and trade—even moveable property at Fond du Lac, which did not belong to that Company, but happened to be in the management of one of the partners and clerks, was also conveyed to his Lordship, and the buildings at Fort William would likewise have been included, but that *these honest men* could not agree about the price, as his Lordship wanted them at a twentieth part of the cost. Had they been moveable, the price probably would not have been an insuperable objection with the Peer, as he has his own conditions, and his own time for the payment. The business being thus adjusted to his Lordship's mind, and to the saving of his tender conscience, Daniel was finally released, white-washed from alleged crime, and allowed to leave Fort William, to go where he pleased.

The papers on the face of them bear the mark of fraud, and show such a want of sound mind and freedom of action in one of the parties, as to destroy even the