
APPENDIX A.

AN anonymous letter was inserted in the Quebec Mercury in October last, (1814), and copied into some of the English newspapers, stating that these people were not only treated with the utmost cruelty and injustice, but neglected, and left in a starving condition; and at the same time representing the climate of Red River, as precluding the possibility of their obtaining a subsistence by agriculture. This publication made no impression in Quebec or Montreal, where it was universally ascribed to a certain association of Fur-traders, who conceive this settlement to be prejudicial to their interest, and make no secret of their desire to obstruct its progress. As the motives of their hostility are not so well understood in England, it may be proper to enter into some detail, in order to place in a just light the circumstances which have been misrepresented; and when the true state of the fact is compared with the colouring which has been given to them, it will be seen how little attention is due to any farther allegations from the same quarter.

1. As to the settlers being neglected and left to starve, it may be sufficient to refer to the books of the