

is no difference unless in locality, for the merits are precisely alike in both instances. Fort William is in Upper Canada, 800 miles from the Red River. Montreal is in Lower Canada, and only a greater distance out of his usurped limits. Let such persons consider how they would feel if his Lordship had acted here as to themselves, as he has done to the North West Company above, and then they will open their eyes, if not wilfully blind.

I feel as confident of his Lordship being in the wrong, and of its being legally so established as of my existence, and it behoves every man of principle to join in reprobating and putting down doctrines and practices that destroy the security of persons, property, and correspondence, as hitherto enjoyed, for if he prevails, confidence in either is an idle dependance.

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