

seen Dr. Schultz in St. Paul, the first time I saw him since he made his escape* from prison. We had a happy meeting, I assure you. He has returned from Canada, and from thence will join the troops at Lake Superior, and go into the settlement with them. I, on the other hand, will build flat-boats here, and load up my goods, and drop down to Pembina and await the entrance of the troops there. It is now a month since I left the settlement. I expect the troops in about the 20th of August. I shall write you soon again, and continue my narrative.

“Yours, &c.”

* Dr. Schultz made his escape by cutting his buffalo robe into strips, and, forming them into a rope, let himself down over the stockades.

A letter dated August 13th, Red River, represents the country as still in a very “critical position,” preventing the transaction of important business until there is protection in the place.

The exact words of the Act 2nd William and Mary, Sess. I., cap. 15, for *confirming* the old charter to the Hudson’s Bay Company are as follows:—“Provided always that this Act shall “continue and be in force for the term of seven years, and from “thence to the end of the next Session of Parliament, and no “longer.”

On a charter, then, long ago expired, on a lease long since run out, and which was never renewed, the Hudson’s Bay Company gets £300,000, and land reservations!

The transfer of the country being illegal, the Acts of the Canadian Parliament in respect thereto must be null and void.