

Mr. Attorney General, in speaking of the partners of the North-West company, says, "they must be sensible that justice has been done them;" and he expresses a hope, that "in future they will not avail themselves of the ingenuity of their legal advisers to criminate His Majesty's Government and its officers."

To this I shall only reply, that the partners of the North-West company are sensible that justice has not been done them, and that Mr. Attorney General need not cherish the hope, that either the great power of his office, or his attempt to identify himself with His Majesty's Government, will deter them from complaining of injustice by whomsoever inflicted, or repelling misrepresentation by whomsoever advanced.

Montreal, 3d October 1818.

(Signed) *William M<sup>c</sup>Gillivray.*

Copy of a Dispatch from Major General Sir Peregrine Maitland, K. C. B. to the Earl Bathurst, K. G.; dated York, Upper Canada, 6th January 1819:—Ten Inclosures.

No. 29.

My Lord,

Upper Canada, York, 6th January 1819.

I HAVE the honour to transmit to your Lordship the copy of a letter which I have received from the Earl of Selkirk, and a copy of my answer.

As his Lordship seems much disposed to make exception to the manner in which the laws are administered in this province, and particularly to the conduct of the law officers of the Crown; I transmit also the copy of a letter from the Attorney General to myself, and accompanying papers, on the subject of the late trials between the Earl of Selkirk and the North-West company; because I am desirous of putting your Lordship in possession of all the circumstances which throw light on the subject in question, and of affording to the Crown officers an opportunity of replying to his Lordship's insinuations against them.

To the Earl Bathurst,  
&c. &c. &c.

I have the honour to be, &c.

(Signed) *P. Maitland, L<sup>t</sup> Gov<sup>r</sup>.*

Sir,

Montreal, October 21st, 1818.

Inclosure

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in Sir P. Maitland's.  
of 6th January  
1819.

I have the honour to lay before your Excellency copies of an affidavit, by Mr. Gale, relative to the conduct of John Fletcher, Esq. late commissioner of special inquiry, together with a letter from the Attorney General of Upper Canada; from which your Excellency will perceive that the Attorney-General, though admitting that there appears to be good grounds of accusation, yet declines to prosecute Mr. Fletcher, without instructions from your Excellency. In my apprehension, the honour of His Majesty's Government requires that no time should be lost in proving to the public that the illegal and oppressive conduct of Mr. Fletcher was wholly unauthorized; the motive assigned by the Attorney General for the delay of the prosecution is calculated to create a different and most injurious impression; and I may be allowed to add, that an action for damages, as suggested by the Attorney General, could be of no avail; and that it is only through a criminal prosecution that Mr. Fletcher can be made responsible for his conduct; and it is notorious, that his property is quite inadequate to compensate the damages which he has occasioned.

I take the liberty of laying at the same time before your Excellency copies of letters which have passed between the Attorney General and Mr. Allan, with the affidavit of the latter, relative to the perjury committed by Jasper Vandersluys and James C. M<sup>c</sup>Tavish, whom the Attorney General also declines to prosecute. This determination has been taken in contradiction to the intentions which the Attorney General himself had stated verbally a few days before, when he assured Mr. Allan that he would present an indictment against M<sup>c</sup>Tavish and Vandersluys; but that as he had received instructions to prosecute me and others for felony, upon their information, that indictment must be disposed of before he could bring forward the charge of perjury. I must acknowledge, that I am at a loss to understand how it can be reconciled with equity and fair dealing, that a man against whom a charge of perjury has been pointedly advanced upon respectable evidence, should be brought forward as a witness before the grand jury (as M<sup>c</sup>Tavish was by the Attorney General) without any intimation to them, of a circumstance so materially affecting the credit due to his testimony.

J.S.d.

—I regret

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No. 7.  
5th Dec. 1818.  
Nos. 8 & 9.