

TO HIS GRACE

THE DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM,

HER MAJESTY'S SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE COLONIES.

My Lord Duke,

For several years past I have taken a deep interest in Rupert's Land or the North-West-Indian Territories, and have from time to time transmitted to those in authority by letter, petition or otherwise, the information I have possessed on the subject.

Of late, and since my second return to England, my attention has been in a more especial manner drawn to the affairs in those regions, and as, after much research, I have not been able to discover any single work, which gives a lucid and full account of the salient points thereof in a convenient form, and as I feel that the magnitude of the subject increases in urgency and importance, I have compiled these notes thereon; and now beg leave most respectfully to enclose them for the perusal and aid of Her Majesty's Ministers in legislating for that country, and would couple therewith my humble prayer that the wrongs of suffering and injured parties may be inquired into, and redressed, and that measures may be early taken which shall alike prevent their recurrence, and be commensurate with the spirit of progress, and the requirements of that great country.

I believe, Your Grace, that my notes not only