

instituted against them within a given time, his Lordship was compelled to take measures for commencing such ; and the result of these proceedings constitute a triumphant vindication of the parties accused, and a conclusive demonstration not only of the obvious motives in which these frivolous and vexatious charges originated, but also of the iniquity of the means employed in bolstering them up, by every insidious art to prejudice the public opinion.

Instead, however, of making his appearance as the private prosecutor in these causes at York, where he was anxiously expected up to the very hour of the commencement of Brown and Boucher's trial, his Lordship disappointed the Crown officers, his own witnesses, and the public, and, although he started from Montreal in the direction of Upper Canada, he soon after turned off to the left, and proceeded by way of New-York to England, anticipating, no doubt, this signal defeat, and unable to withstand the mortification of witnessing it in person.

It will be observed that amongst these trials is that of two of Lord Selkirk's settlers, (Cooper and Bennerman,) who craved a conveyance from the North-West Company, and left the Red River for Upper Canada. They were included in an indictment with several others for *stealing canaon*, on the merits of which there is