

must have usurped a power, never before held by any Company of Merchants; and must have considered the King of Great Britain, our Sovereign, as making war, and conquering only for them, and for their proper interest. And if the grant of these ceded countries by the Hudson's Bay Company to Lord Selkirk, is allowed, what is to prevent that Company from disposing of Upper and Lower Canada.

Hence it is evident that Lord Selkirk, by virtue of a grant from the Hudson's Bay Company only, has no legal title whatever to the several millions of acres he has claimed, and seized on the Red River, and adjacent countries, much less has he any right by his agents, by force of arms, to seize the servants and effects of the British Merchants from Canada, and drive them out from those countries; and thus destroy a vast extended commerce, dearly purchased, and upheld by innumerable hardships, and dangers, and great risk of capital. I would willingly have addressed this Letter to his Lordship, but he has taken his flight to the Moon, whither I am neither able nor willing to follow him.

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