

After two days Daniel M'Kenzie prepared to go away, and being informed that a freeman named Beautineau, who had hunted for the Colony the preceding winter, was at a place eight or nine miles off, he sent me with orders to bring him before him as a magistrate for the Indian Territories, giving me a printed copy of the opinions of three English lawyers, to wit, Henry Brougham and others, concerning the Charter of the Hudson's Bay Company, which Daniel M'Kenzie told me would convince the said Beautineau that I had a right to take him prisoner, for that he would not know the difference between it and a warrant, not knowing how to read or to write. I accordingly arrested the said Beautineau, *au Nom de la Loi*, thinking it would not be right, as I carried only the opinion of lawyers, to arrest him in the King's name, and brought him before the said magistrate, who, in the presence of the half-breeds and other servants of the North-West Company, and the freemen at the place, abused him for having assisted the English, the enemies of the North-West Company. Daniel M'Kenzie then made me read and translate to the assembled half-breeds, and other servants of the North-West Company, and the freemen about the place, his commission from Sir Gordon Drummond as a magistrate for the Indian Territories. He then made Beautineau bring his baggage to the side of the river, the canoe being already in the water, and threatened to carry him off from his family a prisoner to Montreal, for his desertion of the interests of the North-West Company, and for hunting for the Colony; but at last he was discharged on