

It was also repeatedly hinted to him, that as a partner, he had the means of conciliating his Lordship, and securing himself, by selling to him the North West property at Fort William, or elsewhere ; out of which he could first pay himself, and hand over the residue to those who might have a legal right to it. By dint of repetition, these doctrines gained ground with Daniel, who was now informed that the propositions must come from him to his Lordship.

This nefarious plot, so unworthy of a Peer, and a man being thus far in a hopeful train, a paper was dictated to him, to be written to his Lordship, as the initiatory step, and his confinement was now relaxed, but he was never lost sight of by one or other of the myrmidons employed on the occasion, and not suffered to converse with any of the North West Clerks. This paper is a most curious one, being worded as if it had been the composition of himself, and is full of repetition amended by Miles McDonell, and afterwards copied by Daniel.

Upon his Lordship's receipt of this production, the negotiation was developed, and papers upon papers sent to Daniel, or dictated to him, were copied, and amendments upon amendments to some of them made by Miles McDonell in his hand writing, and some even in that of his Lordship: happily some of these precious documents, so amended, were left with Daniel (which is a matter of astonishment) and furnish irrefragable proof of the base fraud that was in progress. Formal deeds were made out by his Lordship
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