

the Council at Red River. Bannatyne and others enquired, "how this was not known before! The former said, "I would give anything rather than this fine country should fall into the hands of Americans."

I further think, from conversing with the friends and foes of the Hudson's Bay Company, that they could, in the most easy manner, have stopped the whole affair by issuing their Proclamation—calling upon all to obey the laws; that any rising of the kind spoken of would be visited by the severest penalty the law could inflict, and that the whole available civil force would be called out to sustain law and order. They did not do this, nor issue any Proclamation, until in a manner forced into it by the memorial of the inhabitants of Fort Garry who were loyal. On this Company's head lies a full measure of blame.

The Indians, from what I can learn from \* \* \* \* and others, are with the Canadian Government, but there is no trusting them without a treaty. At present I think some of them are endeavoring to get subsidies from both parties. "Chief, Henry Prince," I know, has been taking from both.

In conclusion, I would say, if this Convention does not do something towards a settlement in a few days, the cheapest and safest course, and the one likely to prevent the destruction of life and property, is for the Canadian Government to send a sufficient force to take the Governor in—by "at once" I mean, to have them at Pembina by the middle or end of January, for there is great danger of Fenian hordes early in the spring.

NOVEMBER 22nd, 1869.

PEMBINA, U. S., Nov. 22nd, 1869.

*To General Hunt, or the Officer commanding  
at Fort Abercrombie.*

SIR,—I have the honor to inform you that certain French half-breeds of the Red River Settlement have assembled with arms and in sufficient force to overawe for the time, the authorities at Fort Garry. They have also erected a barricade to prevent me from proceeding to that place to assume the Government on the transfer of authority from the Hudson's Bay Company to the Dominion of Canada. A small band of men met me at the Hudson's Bay Company's post near Pembina, and ordered me to return beyond the boundary line. As I had no force to resist them I was obliged to obey the order and am now at Pembina in American Territory.

I have just had information from Fort Garry that these outlaws have decided to send a party of men to Georgetown in Minnesota, for the purpose of burning the Hudson's Bay Company's Storehouse at that place. The avowed object of this "raid" is to destroy certain property of the Government of Canada now stored there, consisting of arms and ammunition, and also clothing and goods belonging to me and members of my party.

I have the honor to request that you will take such means as may be in your power to prevent this unlawful destruction of property. I have directed the removal of the arms and other property to Fort Abercrombie in the hope that you will allow storage in the Fort until this *émeute* is suppressed,

Any expense which may be incurred in the removal, protection, or storage of this property I shall be ready to make good as soon as I am advised of the amount.

I have the honor to be,

Sir, your obedient servant,

WM. McDougall.

DEPARTMENT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR THE PROVINCES,  
OTTAWA, December 15th, 1869.

*To the Hon. Wm. McDougall, C.B., Pembina.*

No. 1074. 25th  
of November.  
22nd of No-  
vember

SIR,—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt, on the 11th inst. of your letter of the 25th ultimo, covering a confidential Report made to you by Major J. Wallace, of the result of the special mission to Fort Garry,