

ly fail to remark, that if the fact had been, as stated in the Narrative of the North-West Company, if Mr. M'Kenzie had been urged to relate occurrences, that were not consistent with his own knowledge, several of the statements might by a very small alteration, have been rendered much more conclusive as legal evidence.—If Lord Selkirk and his friends, had been disposed to act in the unprincipled manner, which is represented in the North-West Company's Narrative, is it likely that they would have stopped short of their object?—That Lord Selkirk was sincerely persuaded of the truth of Mr. M'Kenzie's declaration, is evident, from the very circumstance of his urging him to go to Montreal as a witness, which Mr. M'Kenzie himself was averse to.—He repeatedly expressed his desire to go into the interior along with Captain D'Orsonnens, who was then about to set out for Red River, and urged as an inducement for Lord Selkirk to accept of this offer, that by his influence with the Half-breeds, he could render important services. If instead of a fair examination, Mr. M'Kenzie had been induced while “in a constant state of intoxication,” or under an impression that his “life was in danger,” to write “whatever letters, or other papers, were dictated to him,” is it to be supposed, that he would have been immediately sent off as a witness to Montreal?—In what manner Mr. M'Kenzie was induced to retract what he had said and done, may be gathered from the subjoined affidavit of his fellow traveller Mr. Pritchard.