

future day: and in the intermediate time he made a number of detached memoranda of circumstances, which he recollected. During this time Mr. M'Kenzie associated with the gentlemen who had accompanied Lord Selkirk, particularly with Mr. Miles Macdonell, whose society he appeared to prefer, and he frequently sought conversations with him on the subject of his evidence, communicating the memoranda he had made, and asking his opinion concerning the narrative and the style.—Mr. M'Kenzie appeared occasionally weary with writing, probably from want of habit, and sometimes requested Mr. Macdonell to write from his dictation, which the latter (certainly not suspecting that Mr. M'Kenzie would afterwards represent the compliance as an injury,) readily agreed to. After these memoranda had been communicated to Lord Selkirk, Mr. M'Kenzie was requested to put them together, so as to be preserved in an authentic shape. In this task Mr. Macdonell assisted him, by arranging the different paragraphs in the order of time, the only point in which he went beyond the province of a mere amanuensis.

The following is the tenor of the letter, which Mr. M'Kenzie addressed to Lord Selkirk, stating the evidence which he could give:—

“ FORT WILLIAM, ON LAKE SUPERIOR,  
“ *September 3d, 1816.*

“ MY LORD,

“ I AM willing to give your Lordship all the information which I possess of the affairs of the North-West Company for these two or three years back, more particularly as far as they re-