

dians of Fond-du-Lac to attack his pretended colony, in addition to the other accusations falsely made, when in he was included. One would suppose, that an impartial magistrate, under such circumstances, could not avoid sending him, Daniel McKenzie, down for trial, if he sent the others; but quite the contrary took place; for public considerations are with his Lordship of no moment, unless he can warp or apply them to promote some personal or self-interested object.

Observing after the general arrest, that this Daniel McKenzie was a man of weak mind, who had abandoned himself to liquor, he instantly saw, that he might by a mixture of terror and intrigue, be worked upon, so as to be made favorable to his Lordship's views. Accordingly (after the other prisoners were sent off) he was detained, put into close confinement, furnished with the means of intemperance, and at his lucid intervals, plied by his Lordship's creatures, Matthey, D'orsennons, Doctor Allan, and Miles McDonell, who were sent to him in succession, to hold the same language; that the North West Company were completely ruined; that he, Daniel McKenzie, must infallibly lose all the property he had in that concern, or that was owing to him by the agents, unless he now did something to propitiate Lord Selkirk, who had the power of bringing him to an ignominious public trial for his life, or of releasing him therefrom, and saving his money, accordingly as he might now act towards his Lordship.