

tory was taking, the said Daniel M'Kenzie frequently expressed his anxiety that the amount thereof should prove large—appearing to consider it as so much property saved to the North-West Company's wintering partners, which would otherwise be expended by Mr. M'Gillivray in law.—That soon after the said Inventory was completed, the said Daniel M'Kenzie, stated to deponent, his wish to go to Red River, where he said he might be serviceable, from his influence with the Half-breeds ; but that deponent having communicated the same to the Earl of Selkirk, learnt, that the testimony of the said Daniel M'Kenzie, was so important, that he must be sent down to Montreal ; and he accordingly embarked some days afterwards with this deponent, who went down with prisoners ; the said Daniel M'Kenzie, having a general charge of the brigade which consisted of three canoes, partly manned with servants of the North-West Company, returning home, and being under no sort of restraint ; but going down, as deponent understood, as a voluntary witness, zealous for the discovery of truth, without its having been deemed necessary to put him under recognizance.—That at Sault Ste. Marie, they met with Pierre de Rocheblave, a partner of the North-West Company, who took away two of the canoes and a part of the provisions, and the North-West men, who had come down with them.—That the deponent afterwards proceeded, with the said Daniel M'Kenzie, and others, across Lake Huron, in two boats, but that they were met on their way, first by John M'Laughlin, a partner of the North-West Company, who had some conversation with the said Daniel M'Kenzie, and afterwards by John M'Donald, also a partner of the said Company, together with William Smith, the under sheriff of the Western District of Upper Canada,—with whom the said Daniel M'Kenzie, whose spirits had appeared much depressed from the period of leaving Sault Ste. Marie, embarked, saying to this deponent, that he was obliged to do so, as a prisoner for selling Fort William, although the deponent saw no species of coercion used towards him. And the deponent further saith, that he left at Sault Ste. Marie, in the charge of one Xavier Biron, four packs of Furs, marked R. R. S. which he brought with him from Fort William, and which he has been informed and verily believes, consisted of Furs, which had been traded during the sum-