

purpose of effecting the ruin of rivals in trade. The accusations of high treason are an insult to common sense, being against persons who have given testimony of their loyalty beyond the power of his Lordship or any of his sycophants to shake.—That the Red River is no colony, and his Lordship and mock governors in respect to their pretensions there, are impostors.—That the larcenies he alledged had no existence excepting in the acts of his own people, and that the pretended murders were acts forced upon the perpetrators in their own defence, against the attack of Mr. Semple and his party.

To every impartial mind it will appear most astonishing that the North West partners and people, who have on all occasions been so furiously assailed by his Lordship and advocates, as so lawless and outrageous, should have evinced at fort William such a forbearance and respect for even the mere appearance or semblance of legal authority, as to succumb, without an attempt at resistance, whilst they possessed a physical strength on their side of three to one. This is so notorious that they are reproached by many with unpardonable weakness for so doing, which surely affords *prime facie* proof of the falsehood of his Lordship's accusations. But there is a further proof, and a most conclusive one it is, being the testimony of his Lordship himself (as before produced by me) who after all, offered to leave *all complaints and retaliations* (nothing excepted) *to arbitrators*, who were to fix upon a piece of money to cancel the whole. Surely it cannot be credible, that his Lordship, had he believed his accu-

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