

" I was always suspected of having had a wish to join the Colony
 " on Red River ; and since the arrest of myself, and the other gen-
 " tlemen, I have been suspected of turning informer. Mr. Kenneth
 " M'Kenzie, either on the day before, or that of his departure,
 " threatened my life, saying, ' If ever I am acquitted, I'll blow out
 " ' your brains.' We are seldom or never consulted ; I mean myself
 " in particular.—I did not know that Mr. Spencer was to have been
 " arrested. The first news I had of it, was by the return to Fond
 " du Lac, of two men I sent late in the fall, for goods, to Lac la
 " Pluie. Nor did I know of Captain M'Donell's being arrested, till
 " my arrival here from my wintering place at Fond du Lac.

" I have the honor to be,

" My Lord,

" Your Lordship's most obedient,

" And most Humble Servant,

(Signed)

" DANIEL M'KENZIE.

" *To the Right Honorable*

" *The Earl of Selkirk.*"

This letter, being written in pursuance of Mr. M'Kenzie's examination upon oath, was considered as a continuation of it, and though Lord Selkirk omitted to take his oath again upon the letter, and to attest it as a deposition, (an error into which he was led by a doubt as to the proper and legal mode of proceeding, and the want of books to refer to,) no doubt was entertained of Mr. M'Kenzie's sincerity, so far as the declaration went. The circumstances (some of them indeed trivial,) had come out with a simplicity, very unlike the manner of a man who had made up a fabricated story.—The consistency and probability of the facts related, carry an air of truth, which Mr. M'Kenzie's subsequent tergiversation cannot take away: and an attentive reader can hard-