

"in my conception, by shewing an original felonious intention, still render the parties liable to conviction and legal punishment for those offences."

"I have the honour to remain,  
Gentlemen, &c. &c. &c.  
(Signed) "W. B. COLTMAN."

It would be superfluous to animadvert upon the opinions thus officially circulated by Mr. Coltman. When we find an acting magistrate, whom it was thought advisable to invest with unusual powers for the preservation of the peace, thus labouring to soften down the crimes denounced by the Proclamation, into a something, which he curiously denominates "private war," it would be idle to make any further remark upon the subject. Nor should I have thought it at all necessary to notice such a production, had it not been for the evil tendency which it must unavoidably occasion in retarding, instead of advancing, the administration of justice in a country already sufficiently lawless.

I have also again to request your Lordship's attention to the subject of those various warrants issued in Upper Canada, for the apprehension of Lord Selkirk, and the gentlemen who accompanied him in North America. It appears the more necessary, briefly to revert to them, because it has been asserted, that one of the principal reasons assigned by His Majesty's Government for issuing the Proclamation at all, was, that Lord Selkirk had effected what has been called a resistance to legal process, or, as it is