

I advert particularly to that part of the Proclamation which declares, that, “in order to prevent the  
 “further employment of an unauthorised military  
 “force, all persons who have been heretofore en-  
 “gaged in His Majesty’s service, as officers or sol-  
 “diers, and as such have enlisted and engaged in  
 “the service of the Hudson’s Bay Company, or the  
 “North-West Company, or either of them, or any  
 “of their servants, agents, or adherents, must leave  
 “the service in which they may be so engaged,  
 “within twenty-four hours after their knowledge of  
 “the Proclamation, under penalty of incurring the  
 “most severe displeasure of His Majesty, and forfeit-  
 “ing every privilege to which their former employ-  
 “ment in His Majesty’s service would otherwise  
 “have entitled them.”

Your Lordship will please to observe, that, as no charge has ever been made from any quarter against the North-West Company, with regard to their employment of an unauthorised military force, or that any officers or soldiers heretofore engaged in His Majesty’s service, had been enlisted or engaged to serve them, their servants, agents, or adherents;—but, on the other hand, as accusations to that effect have been repeatedly preferred against Lord Selkirk by his opponents in that Company, the animadversions contained in the Proclamation, in that respect, can only be considered as applicable to him. Lord Selkirk, therefore, at present stands seriously, though indirectly, charged, upon the face of that Proclamation, with having employed an unauthorised military force, and having enlisted, or engaged, for improper