

and them safely keep, so that I may have their
bodies before François Baby, Esq. one of His Majesty's
Justices of the Peace for the District aforesaid, at Sand-
wich, to answer His Majesty for a Felony which they,
as it is alleged, have committed, and further to be dealt
with according to Law. Herein fail not.

WILLIAM HANDES, Sheriff (L. S.)

WILLIAM SMITH, Under-Sheriff.

19th Oct. 1816.

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This writ, like the former ones, was sent up to
Fort William, for the purpose of apprehending
Lord Selkirk; but he had left that place before its
arrival, and had proceeded into the interior with the
view of re-establishing the Red River Settlement.
It is evident that the warrant could only be legally
executed within the Western district (of Upper Ca-
nada), but, although Lord Selkirk had left that
province, the writ was dispatched after him, in
order that an attempt might be made to arrest him
at any place where it might reach him. To get
Lord Selkirk into their hands, dead or alive, is
obviously the principal aim of the North West Com-
pany throughout the whole of these transactions.
The attainment of that object would not only tend
to insure to them the destruction of the Red River
Settlement, but effect the concealment of their own
atrocities; and, it must be confessed that the magis-
trates who have generally granted, and the constables
who have been appointed to execute, the warrants al-
luded to, appear to have been well calculated to per-
form the expected service. Your Lordship cannot fail
to be surprised, —if, indeed, any thing planned by the