

your Lordship upon the same subject on the 18th and 31st of July, I trust have also been safely received.

As Mr. Goulburn's letter describes the affidavits transmitted by me on the 23d ult. as being connected with recent proceedings, in which the Hudson's Bay, and North-West Companies, are stated to be implicated;—and as he adds, that my communication (of the 23rd,) only tends to confirm the opinion which your Lordship always entertained, that there could be no satisfactory termination of the unfortunate disputes between the two Companies, but by bringing the matter to the decision of a Court of Justice,—I must beg leave to state,—what, indeed, a perusal of the documents themselves, I conceive, might have shewn,—that the communications transmitted by me applied to matters of much higher importance than any disputes between these trading Companies. They related to charges of violent and repeated outrage, committed by British subjects upon British emigrants, who, with the knowledge and sanction of Government, were peaceably establishing themselves as cultivators of the soil within British territory. In supporting such settlers, and in taking the requisite means to defend his own, and their, rights of property, against such disgraceful aggression, Lord Selkirk has experienced, both in this country, and in Canada, every degree of illiberality and injustice. To enable your Lordship, as Secretary of State for the Colonies, to judge more distinctly of the whole of those proceedings in North America, in which Lord Selkirk has been engaged, and to lay