

to your Lordship, as the head of His Majesty's Government.

The accompanying copy of a Correspondence, which has taken place during the last two years, between the Colonial Office, and my brother-in-law, Mr. Halkett, will not only shew the necessity of a direct application to your Lordship, but will also point out the unexampled misconduct of the Law Officers of the Crown, and other public functionaries, in Canada; and the total perversion of justice which it has occasioned. Among these letters, I beg leave to call your attention most particularly, to that of 30th January last*. Before I proceed, however, to make any remarks upon the circumstances which are referred to in that Correspondence, it is necessary that I should take a short retrospect of some occurrences of an earlier date.

It will probably be in your Lordship's recollection, that in the year 1812, I communicated to you my intention of forming a Settlement at Red River, upon a tract of land, of which I had recently obtained a conveyance from the Hudson's Bay Company. I explained to your Lordship my general views of the manner in which that country might be colonised, and of the national benefits which might be expected to arise from the proposed Settlement. The observations which your Lordship then made upon the subject, gave me no reason to suppose that my intentions were, in any degree, inconsistent with the views of policy entertained by His Majesty's Government.

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