

sluys and M'Tavish, (to whom the Company's partners, after their arrest, gave the charge of managing their affairs at Fort William,) were themselves employed, during the night, in clandestinely preparing and secreting those fusils, for the purpose of destroying Lord Selkirk and his party; and which they have since solemnly sworn were "feloniously stolen and taken away," because Lord Selkirk and his friends, by seizing and securing them, thought fit to prevent them from being used in the projected destruction of himself and his party.

My principal reason for again intruding upon your Lordship with this part of the subject of Lord Selkirk's proceedings, is to mention, that, by another deposition, recently received from Canada, the facts above stated are most strongly corroborated, as well as the use pointed out, which was intended to have been made of these very arms which were so fortunately discovered and secured at Fort William, and for the seizure of which a warrant for felony has been obtained.

Louis Blondeau, one of the engagés, or hired servants, of the North-West Company, has recently made a detailed affidavit before a magistrate at Montreal, in which he has stated many of the circumstances, and plans of aggression, instigated by the North-West Company against Lord Selkirk and the Red River Settlement. He concludes his deposition as follows:—

Indeed, "Que le deposant est parti de Fort Cumberland, dans le mois de Juin, et s'est rendu à Fort William vers le 15^{me}.