

ever, that my opinion of a hostile feeling towards you is not without some foundation. I am now convinced that a similar feeling extends from the same quarter towards me. The whole of his course towards me for the last six or eight months has been strange, and his recent letters confirm me in the belief, that my course has been too independent to suit him. Neither you nor I may look that way for support. If we can get slow justice, it will be as much as we should calculate upon."

The reasons assigned in several letters for the hostility of Gen. Clark are these: his feelings were in the interests of the Army and Fur Company,* so that if an Agent should pursue a course conflicting with those interests, he was at once marked by the General. Such things are not new, singular, or yet out of date on the frontier. Gen. Street felt assured, that his communications to the Indian Department, were copied and given to the Fur Company, how or by what means he did not know; he could only know that they went sealed to the Superintendent, who after reading and copying *for his own use*, sent them sealed to the Commissioner of Indian affairs. The copying might have been done in the office, without the knowledge of Gen. Clark; but whether so or not, Gen. Street felt assured that they were copied, from the way he had sometimes to meet from the traders, what he knew to be only in those reports to the Superintendent. The charges against Mr. Burnett were from the army; those against Gen. Street from the Fur Company. The Company, however, were not friendly to Mr. Burnett behind his back, however much so they were to his face. So says a letter **now before me.**

Mr. Burnett returned to the Agency within the time, two months; and in October, Gen. Street left again for Washington, to meet the charges before mentioned, and not then decided, and

*On pages 243, 244, et seq. of this volume, reference is had to some vague, yet dogged determination on the part of *somebody* to break down the American Fur Company, and that *somebody* wished Mr. Burnett to aid in the matter, and send his communication to the "care of Gen. Clark," thus rather conveying the idea, that Gen. Clark was at least privy to the pretended plot, or transaction. But now, we are told, that Gen. Clark's "feelings were in the interests of the Fur Company." It would seem, that some explanation is needed, which it is not in our power to give.