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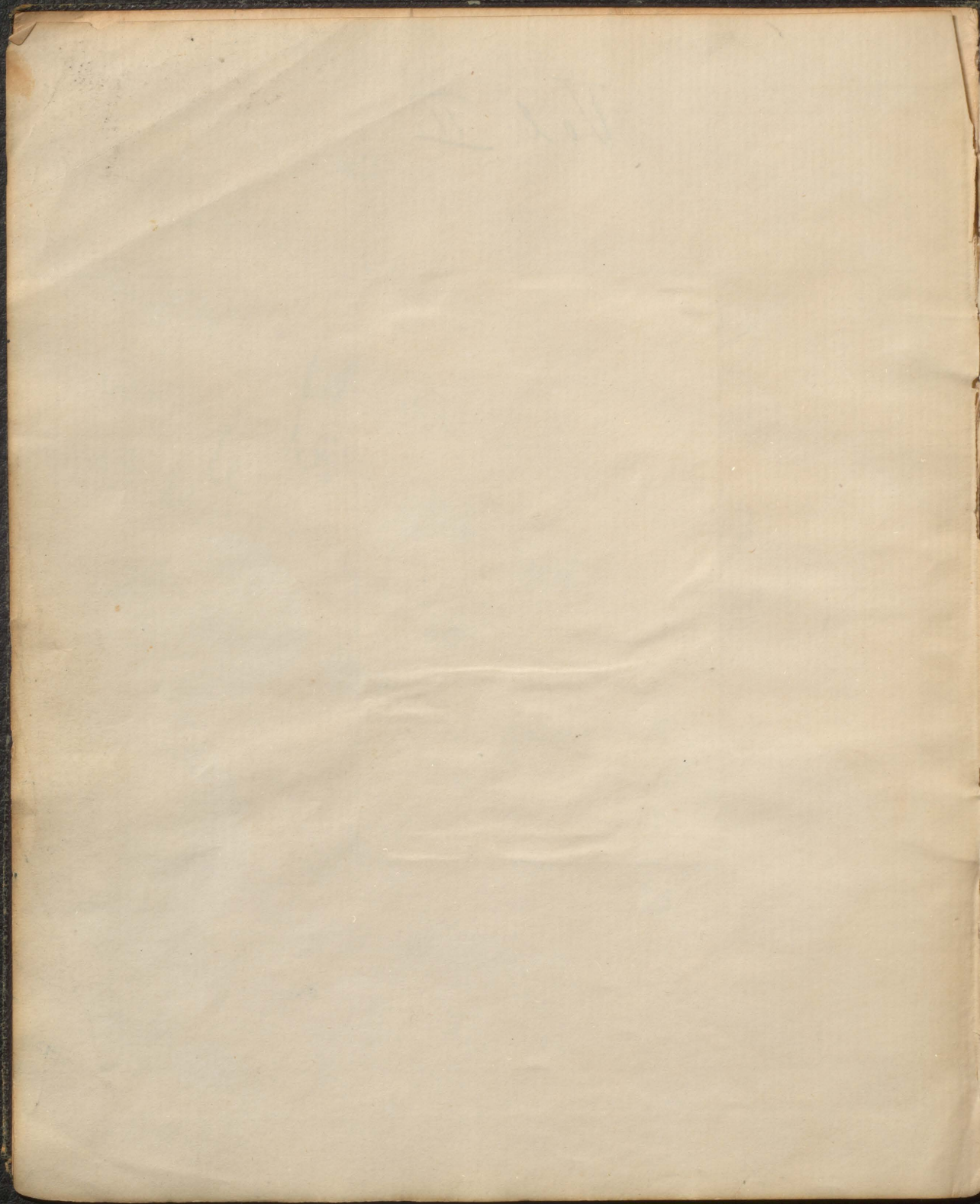
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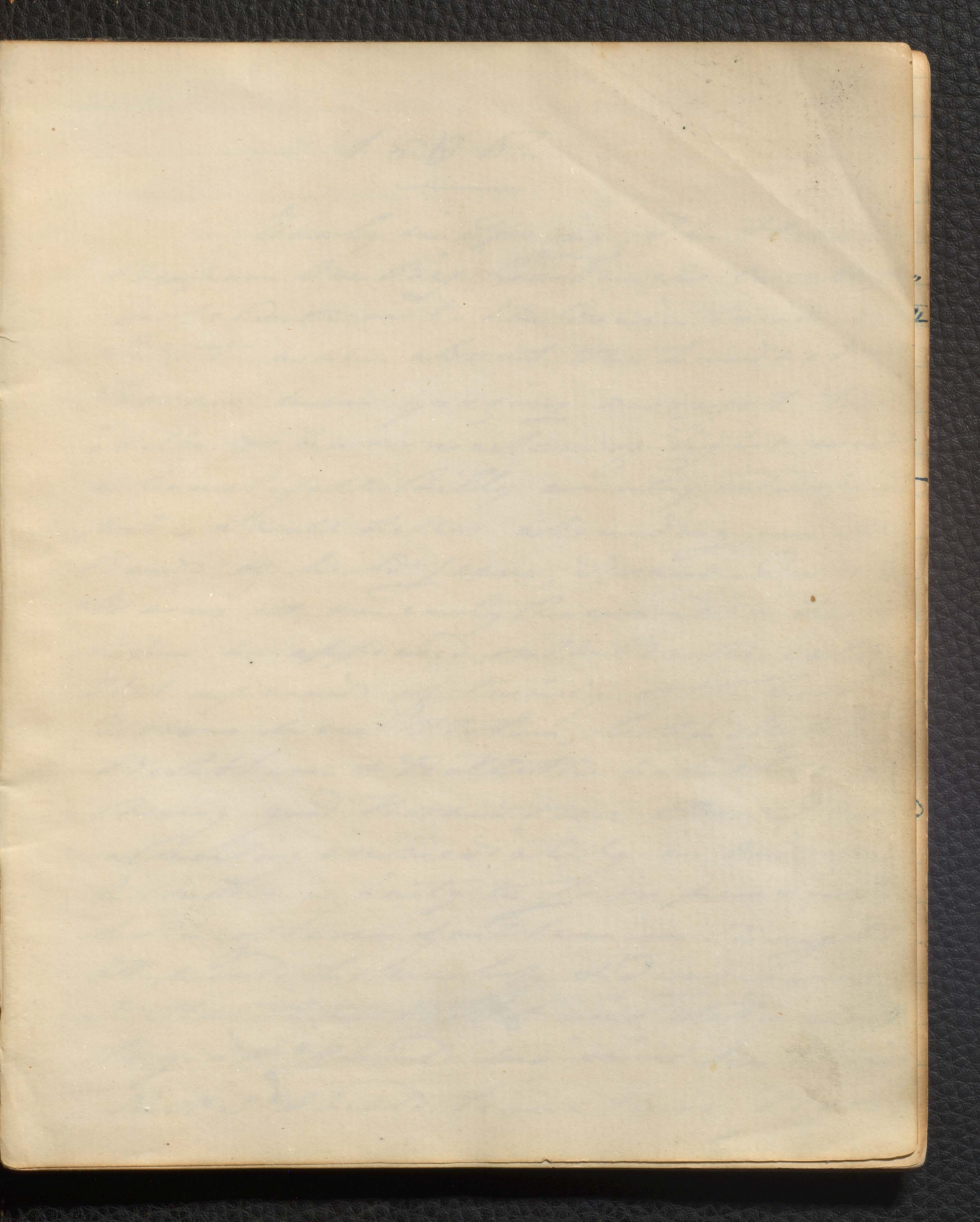
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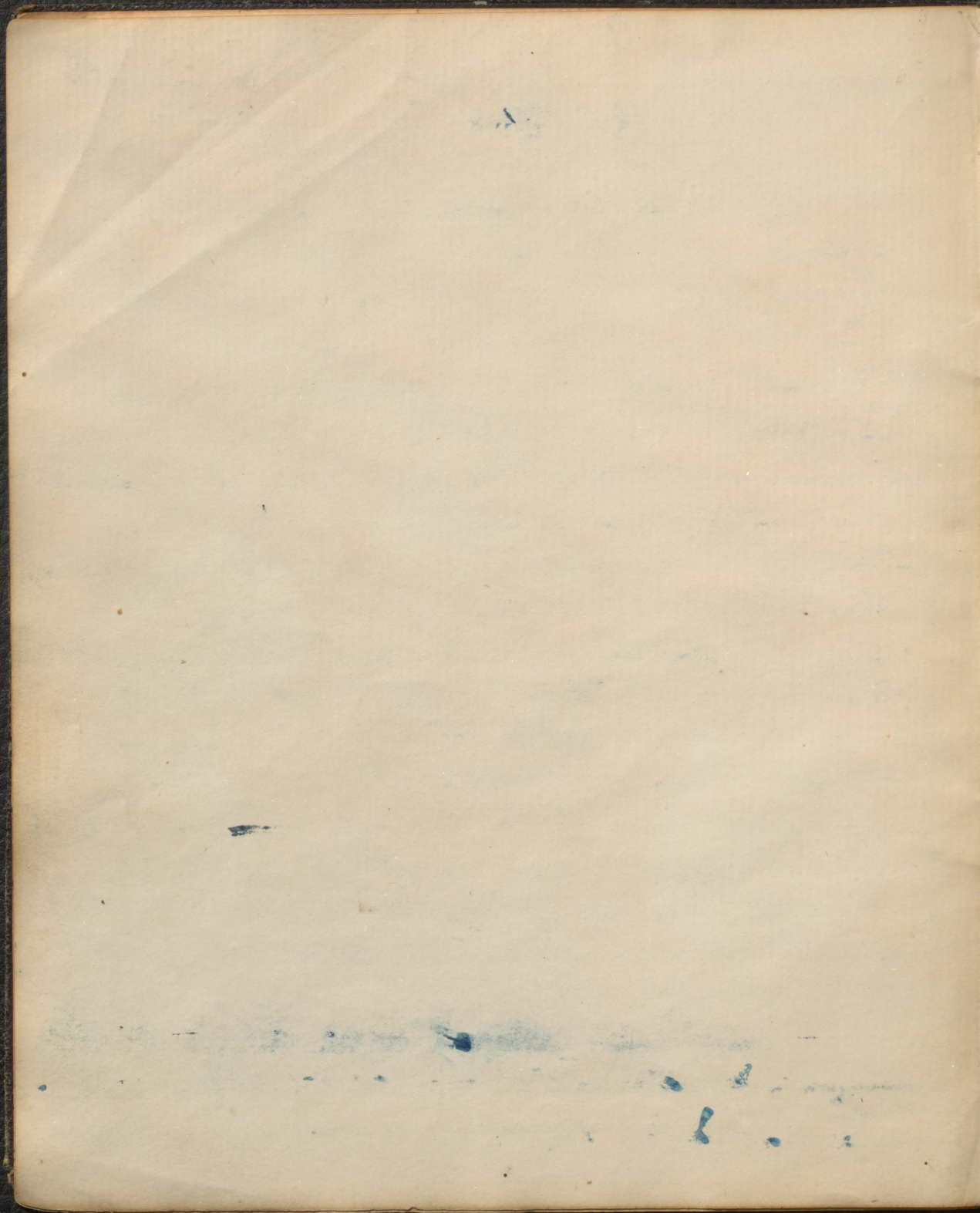
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De Bellefenille Macdonald.







1805

Early in Spring, The Horse
Keeper One Big Cardinal he called,
crossed over to the main land, North
Side to where about one hundred
Horses were grazing amongst low
Hills & hummocks of light wood
a beautiful hilly country interspersed
with small lakes abounding in all
kinds of wild geese, Swans, Ducks &c
I was at an early hour in a Boat
when he appeared on the Banks calling
that upwards of twenty of the best
Horses were rotten, both Messrs
Robbison & Hallett had also as
many good Horses there also, I called
a meeting immediately in order
to make a party to go in pursuit
both of them gentlemen thought
it would be useless & dangerous
I told them that I was determined
to go & should see or catch them
that I should leave their Horses
rotten.

Finally in a short time we made up a party of about twenty including those who gathered up themselves who could not help going as they saw only of the Party in order to command each his own man.

We found the trails following the course of the River eastward & followed it, about six miles distant we came to River Jay Camp, called. we had supposed that the thieves had made the Prairie & Hills look for them stealing. I knew not where to find them, perhaps 300 miles distant but when we came to this small river we found the trail strike due north we followed. On a bank as an experience, I Hunter (the lot of Bears) took the lead on a fire stick, as the trail had we had to trace the trail.

In about an hour's ride we saw the Head of a Horse in the small Prairie. In the distance I saw smoke from an Indian tent, we were soon in full

speed to the spot, where he found
 a noted one eyed rascal & his family
 he immediately had a party set out
 of the best kind, he just tested
 in his innocence, tho' the facts were
 before us by our Horses - He asserted
 that the Horses were then left by other
 young men under his care. I had the
 camp to which they belonged were
 at a certain place & offered us to guide
 us thro' the mountain river with the family

It was now getting late - we
 encamped on a Hill & took our duffles
 which we had provided, & lay down
 to sleep, this kind of an eye villain
 took his ground near my self - it was
 just now tight he endeavored to
 intimidate me by blowing (which was
 the case) a little way above the throat
 saying it is a sign of blood shade
 (the throat the truth) I replied that
 it was a lie & knew me well

The sleep but in the
 morning found my gentleman had
 fled - & was the top we followed

our course in about two hours
 just riding found the camp of about
 thirty Indians (Crees) as agreed upon we
 each entered the principal Indian on 9th Jan
 an. Surprised them, after explanation
 they advised us that it was their kind
 of an eye surrounded ~~to~~ was the justly
 person himself & we will accompany you
 now to his tent & camp near here. after
 some breakfast we all mounted &
 rode they in about an hour ride, as
 I was amongst the party of Indians
 in the Cree, we saw a herd of in some
 horses, horses &c. & thinking well
 also if we could get a young a lead, paper
 maps, books & such & started, & so they
 were upon us good horses & soon
 were upon the spot, that not before
 my gun was shot to & from that will
 had closed in with them, upon which
 the kind of an eye surrounded back to his
 tents to the. They heard & when at
 a certain distance where he thought
 kind of an eye, he turned round to saw a
 shot at myself when my Pitts

whose name was Paantam, observing
 his intention hunted in for at him
 & sent his Ball through his Heart -
 when he instantly fell, Mess. Prokham
 & the Indians then came up
 I ordered his Body to be taken. When
 he was taken to the Board. That
 they saw saw one of their friends
 & relative say before them by his
 own fault. They were not sorry
 as he was a dangerous kind of a person
 among themselves. We now left
 the Body with them to depart to where
 our Horses still were & had been
 left. It was now to be heard by
 the first mounted & the off - spring
 a heavy night follow us. I saw
 that & ordered Paantam off. & I
 myself staid with the Indians till
 all were some distance & then told
 them that the Widow & Child were
 come to the Board & I shall show
 them, they came forward to a man
 & I shook hands with me & we got
 our Horses & returned to the Island

In due time Mr. Haynes came down
 & all being ready we left as usual
 for Cumberland Depot, hunting as
 we went along by New Marches Landing
 full time after our loads - we fell in
 as usual with some other gentlemen
 & got up to Fort Milline

I had been a Pinityree to the
 Reservation since I left England in
 1804 - & had little else to do all
 this, however I had no option I must
 have done it - I tried all remedies, but
 at last was advised to make a visit
 to the Doctors in Portland - I therefore
 left all the Mr. Haynes & got off &
 passed the winter in my Sister's House
 I made her care, but found the Doctors
 doing me no good - Pills upon Pills -
 Calomel upon Calomel, untill
 I sent them all to the D - C -

I Wrote

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I prepared with many others
for our departure for the Station
again. I got to Fort William again
all well.

It was now decided in
Council that I should take charge
of Red River Dept. My Command
Wiz McDowell returning. a most
fine full man, but a man who
did ^{not} command his men as he
ought. (an easy man of no pretensions)
This being a night dept. & with
a lot of the best men in the
regt by having less distance to go
I now turn to perform the distance
I did not like it much tho' it
served my State of health better
The Brigade was filled out for me
& I left Fort Williams

I found that many abuses
existed, I began a reformation
which at first displeased the men
but finally they found it better

I had a very able assistant giving
 me Mr. Alex. McDonald afterwards
 Chief Ottawa District, he made many
 usefull reforms & abolished many
 abuses. I had also in this other very
 good assistants, a Clerk at Pickington
 Senior Mr. Galen died in course of the
 winter, I established a Fort at the
 junction of Red & Assiniboil Rivers &
 called it Gibraltar, I wintered at
 Pickington & fell myself where Big
 McDonald afterwards Judge McDonald
 Point du Fort Ottawa had made his
 station several years. The men
 all knew me by sight & so did many
 of the Indians. I got by report they
 knew me pretty well. The Indians
 were Ojibways, Cree & Assiniboils
 no other Tribes. I had interpreters
 for the three languages. I had a very
 fine Canadian, Mr. Potts who had
 been long in the Dept. with Big Mac
 a man upwards of 50 years & of
 great importance to his own eyes

Seeing me a novice in the place
 he had the idea that he could
 greatly overrule me in many things
 & having Father in law to his aid.
 who placed all things in his hands
 he was of great importance amongst
 men & Indians -

I gave some orders to Pedro
 one day he replied very politely
 Sir I think it would be better
 so & so as usual - I replied with
 truth Mr Pedro you are to eat
~~with~~ under me - you have no
 business to think it is for me
 to do so - that you ^{in with they} ~~be~~
 should be I found him a fast
 obedient man after wards, all the
 time I continued in that Dept -

The winter passed away - Spring
 came, we prepared all things
 & left for Fort Millina, where
 it was generally thought that Sherry
 had taken place for the letters
 The Dept was (where now called
 Fort Alex?) Tenos de S. Privera
 J. S.

1808

Proposed & prepared to return
to Fred River on either Apribail
River, the South Branch Cing River &
the North the Apribail, both are
insignificant to the River, Mississippi &
Desattheman. However in light of nature
both may be navigable for Steam Boats,
que River a River

I got an intimation
putting up the que appeler or calling
River - at a beautiful small lake
in order to be nearer the Buffalo &
Provision. Making Indians, I passed
the winter here with Alex. Mc Donnell
we had several other informants to make
he was a little only as yet in
the post Hunt's and a man who was
taking care of the horses at this place
was killed - it was not known by whom

Spring came & with it the
of game has made up all for our
departure intending to leave by
now in charge all business
all

All was ready, Boats ready
 loaded & all took their departure
 myself intending to follow with
 Mr. H. in a couple days on
 horse back by the Prairies - The
 River is small & bounding
 any more, but there was high water
 from the flood, on melting of the
 snows - In about an hour an
 alarm was given that the Boats
 were attacked & men all killed
 I called for a Horse to be saddled
 & you Mr. H. take charge while
 I shall ride to the scene of action
 I mounted & soon put an arrow
 with an arrow in his neck &
 soon then on these others - I rode
 full speed & came to where
 the Boats were landed & some
 of them were scattered about &
 some wounded & some ~~dead~~
 I wrested all I could & crossed
 to the South side, the principal
 place of attack by this time
 Mr. McDonald had just down
 some

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Some Incomers - we left a few
Arrows tied to some bushes on the South
side while we crossed in the forenoon I
could not see to the South Side where
one of the Boatsmen was come with
something crawling under the cover
of the Boat - but then found a poor
man on the life of one of the men who
had received himself an arrow in
his belly - but he made his escape.

This poor woman had
been seized by them, I helped & left
for dead on shore she managed to
crawl on board & hid herself under the
covering - while about all this we
brother found the when we had left
the horses & saw an Indian in full
flight reach the shore, we fired but
at too great a distance, there was
a gully & we could not see & they had been
hid there & now there actually killed I
was alone on my horse near them

We collected all the Boats &
men remaining - I find there to
be as many headed - 9)

It was now late, we had to guard
 the property all night. & next
 day before we could get all in
 the boats

The third day we left
 again, I left no one behind. I
 placed myself in the first boat
 & Abⁿ with a couple half breeds
 sat along shore flanking us
 as it were - we got safe that night
 at the junction of the Appelle with
 the Riviere du Loup. The poor women
 & children were however all
 right.

Next day we descended
 in a rapid stream & knots &
 reaching Riviere de Loup - we
 then learned that several bear
 parties had been seen, all Spring
 Mr. Deitch had been in command
 in place of the late Mr. Talbot -

We then left the woods
 & made preparations for a
 start to Fort Millin

By

By the winter express we had learned
 that Mr. D. Thompson who had been
 sent across the Mountains to explore
 & trade with the Snake Indians was
 surrounded by the Blackfeet on
 the plains & that he could not return
 as expected to recross the Mountains
 with his furs & to get a fresh supply
 of goods - I told Mr. McDowell I'll go
 & take him out - he replied & I dare
 say you are good enough to try it

We got to Fort William -
 I was there some days - Mr. McDowell
 having remained at Gilets as we
 named it - He then was told a route
 or even a stream within three miles

The question then was how
 to proceed. Mr. Thompson, & seeing
 the one was willing - I said I'll go.
 My offer was heartily accepted &
 full power given me, to pick up the
 best men I could get, who would be
 willing to go with me, I soon
 made up a crew of about 14

Henry Moore, Currier & Mays - Ind. Geo.
 McQuirk who afterwards made
 the arrangement with W. Astor's party
 at Astoria - as may be seen
 by Washington Irving's History of
 that place - & a Mr. McMillan a
 steady Scotch man - We got ready
 as soon as possible lightly laden
 with a good Pilot, we call him
 guide - Joseph Paul an old body
 I had Henry promise to take
 all I wanted & I had been the fact
 that I volunteered to search
 able to walk from Dawson there
 he left but William uncertain
 now to return I made all possible
 preparations had Jan to go &
 time was pressing

We shall now take
 ourselves at the usual rendezvous
 where Mr. Fort Hovey, and the beginning
 of the Prairies - Saskatchewan

I immediately sent off the
 Pilot with one man with
 directions to proceed to Fort
 de Liola

Then to get fresh Horses to Fort
 Augustus, & then fresh Horses to
 Peckys Mountain House, then to take
 a Hunter, three more men, pack &
 other articles for the making of
 a couple Carcass & proceed across
 the Mountains by the route Mr. Simpson
 took & then on the sources of the River
 to timber on Oregon & try to make
 the Carcass by the time I got there with
 the goods

This was done accordingly
 in the mean time I proceeded with
 Mr. McIntosh & Mr. Miller with
 the Brigade, we were as Hunters
 following on the Indians. We
 got on prospering well & got to
 Peckys Mountain House, then to take
 about thirty Horses all we could find
 & sent them tied by hand to the
 sources of the Tacot River where
 I was to leave the Carcass & take the
 goods & on Horses, to be here I de-
 stined Mr. Potts to build the Carcass
 I proposed taking Horses by day

It was all ups & downs (new
 strong hands & backs - & nearly
 an animal path way by guess
 to follow, The horses went on
 feeling with poles against a stiff
 current & rapid (during six to
 eight - after much labour by
 flood & fields we got to the first
 ridge of mountains - beyond this
 we found a flat perhaps twenty
 miles broad smooth current
 if I remember right a beautiful
 up hill & down dale of prairie in
 which we saw several Big Horn
 or Mountain Sheep but we failed
 to get a G.H.A. at - we then came
 to a more stiff current to the
 Antelope plain so called from
 its being the resort of that tribe in
 some years past - we proceeded
 in this beautiful plain, surrounded
 with perpendicular rocks many
 hundred feet high & precipitous
 of the best species which are called
 the Chamois of the Rocky Mountains

We got run into very shallow & rocky currents I mean the base of ~~part~~^{part} of our journey. The birds on water - ~~myself~~^{myself} & some other on your team in charge of the Horses -

When as we rode along being in advance expecting to get a shot at something, I saw the form of a Mall from amongst the Ducks - a dead I sprung a lead. I found this to be my Pilot whom I sent a lead to make canoe - or in return on foot with the Deer -

His Hoop I soon got. It was while at work a party of about 10 Black feet came upon us pillaged all we had & took our Horses down. If, were our Hunter for some time. & they came across before us. We thought it useless to remain there afraid to be murdered.

A talk was made my companions (I stand upon them) thought that consequently in about 2. return

An Becky Mountain House full
 till, Carves & all - I thought
 otherwise. The Brigade of five
 Carves came up & added to the
 story that they had seen two Indians
 amongst the rocks, of course it
 was the Spy of the Band. I im-
 -mediately ordered to encamp - &
 we kept watch all night while
 I myself & W. M. Miller (W. Fairish
 was too much afraid) with the
 Hunter & the other took Horse
 & searched the plains for a few
 Miles - until right fall - made
 detaching both place all night
 amongst the men - but they saw
 that nothing could make me certain
 Nothing now remained
 but to lay the Carves up for the
 winter in some secure spot
 amongst the Pine growth, we did
 so & arranged Tardis, Dard & C. &
 on the second day - we mounted
 & walked on I caught on the
 run & the Old Pitt. a heavy snow

led the Van. on foot with all
 the men, The Horses all laden with
 the food, Provisions &c we found
 a very respectable Caravan - The men
 knew the Old Pitt Paul to be an old
 veteran first hunter & I believe they
 had no less confidence in my self - we
 soon got into the defiles of the Mountains
 & soon crossed the ridge, (The Back Lane
 it would be) which divides the waters
 which flow into the Pacific from those
 flowing into the Atlantic we found
 a great change in the weather we
 had half a foot snow on the east side
 while on the west side we had no snow
 I was a kind of Berg - we came into
 a bad river with the current perhaps
 four miles flowing & meandering
 through a fine broad gravelly beach -
 for a distance of perhaps thirty miles
 there is no doubt to gold to a certainty
 The travel during the evening
 a ~~small~~ ^{smack} a boat - of course I thought
 it might be some of the best or camped
 I proposed this to our Hunters who

Had been with the Ditch & Hospital
 He knew what I was, it being
 from them our first four days before
 that, but he wished to try me -
 He & I were a Lead team about
 3 Miles of the Caravan & I saw
 set heels to my fine horse & dashed
 into the thicket when I ^{was} up as
 caught telling me it was one of
 them first. He was an old boy
 good Hunter - he found pasture
 for our horses & went on
 next morning crossing as it were
 another ridge - the second day
 reached when the party had been
 pillaged - They did not happen
 to destroy the materials & we
 began our march making to ascend
 & not to descend.

In five or six days we
 had horses ready - The horses were
 sent through the woods to where
 they could pasture - In ascending
 one Caravan up it in the Caravan we
 had a lot of Tobacco & a Box Balls
 90 lbs each -

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My object was not to ~~ascend~~ ^{descend} the
River which took an entire North by
direction round a very high Mountain
which lay west of us - My business
was to ascend & go South ^{by} the direc-
tion in which the Snake country lay
when Mr Thompson descended himself
on Snake River

Had I known how the
country was I should not have got
any time in making bargains. That you
be as we were a few days with the
Horse & not part of the business
I had taken to the Mackay Mountain
Horse - returning about twilight
with which we proceeded - we
were out of provisions &
hunting for three days - on the 14th
morning we got a small Deer which
served only as our supper, I saw 2 or
3 others but a cup of Chocolate Daily
for three days - but we knew I saw
Horses we could not I saw we
got next day into prairie ground

I got an Elk - we got near to a
 fine little Lake about six miles
 long & one wide, I heard I should
 be hunting my self with a part
 of the crew, knowing that the
 Court was to be there soon
 find us out, this being their
 country - Mr. M. Davis proceeded
 on the next day came up on the
 Court was camp - when all was
 made clear, some guides went
 out with Mr. M. T. to Mr. Thompson
 & the work came to me as it
 was a safe guard supplying
 the bill the most of the fall
 been all winter, Hunting, Darning,
 Singing, & Gambling was their
 sole occupation all the time all
 night as well as all day

Preparations being made
 for Spring This ended 1808

J. W. [Signature]

[Signature]

I can find that I have been
 attending two seasons to the one,
 & leaving the contiguous country
 in Spring 1816 - returned across
 the Mountains with three or four
 men, & by Hook & by Cross got to
 Mackay Mountain House, leaving Dr
 Thompson's coast clear to follow
 both W. McTavish, Dr. McMillan
 remaining on Dr. McMillan -

A junction had by this
 time been formed with the Forsyth
 Michason & Co. & the bail of Gillikin
 had commenced his Caravan in
 the River - I found after crossing the
 Mountains that Mr. Hughes had
 not as yet left the lower parts of
 the Cascades - I overtook him
 as I think I have told you in
 Dr. Williams

M^c

let theft a

1812

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In Spring found one at Red
River in a Treaty with the Chief
of Selkirk's people - to return
Provisions which they had
forcibly taken from Mr. Cameron
they were at Fort Gibraltar in
I recovered Dimecar enough
to take out the General Brigades
Major McDonald having given
Bills for more they had seized
upon the Hudson's Bay Co. Goods

We had not been long at
Fort William - when Col. M^r M^r
McKay came expressly to inform
us of having being elected against
Great Britain by the Gov^t of
the United States

This was alarming as
all our Furs Royal had taken
en Route to Montreal, this was
an object with the U. States Gov^t.
I was never well aware of it

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I determined to retire from
 the Country, or at least to visit
 India again. I was requested
 to do so. We left Fort William
 in the Schooner Beaver on Monday
 as she could hold the crew for the
 the small garrison of St. Joseph's
 which was garrisoned by some
 Veterans commanded by Capt Roberts
 he found when we got there, that
 that officer had immediately resolved
 with his few Veterans, as many young
 soldiers as he could collect. To
 surprise the Garrison of Madras
 as soon as Capt Roberts gave him the
 intelligence of the Declaration of
 War, which he effectually did
 he went there next day & found
 the garrison in Capt Roberts possession
 of the American Garrison all
 Prisoners of War & great many
 Madras dancing bear dances &c
 We remained a few days & left
 for Madras.

I requested of Gen George

Prevost

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I appeared then your own to
give an account of the capture
which he granted, but Brock
was then in Montreal about
to move to the Valley York, I
was near going with him, but
did not think in England I heard
of his death rather his fall

I left Quebec in the same
God Save the King with a valuable
cargo and on my way, with the
Gall Fleet from Quebec - The same
God Save the King guns & had
a letter of Rank, the failed
party well, being headed with
light guns - There was a fleet
of about 40 sail and on my way
of the Frigate, he dispersed in
a gale of wind & got alone into
the Bay - from thence I took
a chair to London in company
with three invalid officers from
Spain - I staid at my Brothers
until March

It was settled that

That the company should send the
 Isaac Todd to Boston to open a
 Trade with China directly. The
 ship was fitted out by the Honour
 of Fraser, the filling of St. Suffolk
 Lane, Mr. James McGillivray being
 the principal Agent & Mr. Donald
 McTearish a Proprietor of the N. West
 Co. Having been requested to go
 in that vessel as part owners &
 supercargo to be in it we agreed

We left London in the latter
 end of Feb^r 1813 - for Boston with
 in company with the Hon. Mr. Brown
 Chief of Justice & Mr. James McGillivray
 with the vessel, they were accompanied
 by a Capt. Smith who had command
 of her from Quebec & I supposed to
 be a fine brown fellow, seven
 or eight people more than the
 I found out was very a true
 warty Booby and indeed, but a good
 many of the sailors

1883

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The Lad on Board. Half a
dozen of Voyageurs & a few Dutch
Colonists

But

I have, since I began
this sketch & do remember in many
little things

I remember when traveling
from St. Louis Fort - on rather from
Fort Augustus to Macky Mountains on
morning early, as the fogs cleared off
at the Bear Mountains - my guide
an Indian, some white blood in him,
perceived some black animal in
the Plains on rising - which he
took to be a Buffalo Bull grazing - I
told my men go to that summit &
prepare Breakfast while he & I
& Bill shot Bull -

We had not gone far, we
have well mounted on Swift
Horns - we had not gone half a mile
when we saw that it was a very

Large Bear, don't you see says my
 guide, the cub in the long grass. The
 will be very dangerous, but if you
 are not afraid I can not, I have killed
 many a Bear, He was known to be a
 both yellow, but we must not come
 off our Horses, as she will be upon us
 before we get mounted, our Horses
 will be startled & break from us -
 we must get as near as we can
 she will not be afraid of us - we
 got within twenty yards or so. I told
 him to fire, he did so but missed. Then
 I fired & missed also, Ben Horn was
 so wet they under us, he could not
 take sure aim. On this the cub began
 to run to a Hammock of wood near
 us, the mother followed, the ^{mother} ~~mother~~
 soon retreated, I cut her way ^{to the} ~~to the~~
 & fired again, she was then near the
 Hammock, I was to be full of her upon
 her to get a shot, I will be faster
 before she got into the bushes, when
 being close up to her, she turned as
 if upon a short - not like any other

animals, I saw my Danger &
 changed my Horse off, He came
 broad Side upon me, gave me
 such a Spring but fell flat, but
 gave such a Kick with his teeth
 & gave such a jab upon my Horse
 back, as made my Hatter think
 I was gone - I took, I thought to
 see if my poor Horse had his whole
 quarter gone - He then turned to
 run young & went into the Bush
 where he had not gotten, My La-
 said the Indian you were near
 gone, I thought I was fearful of
 bears myself, but you are less so
 The fact was, I was not aware
 of the danger - The last we
 saw of her was, rearing in
 the bushes to see what had become
 of us - we were all glad to part
 such good friends, he killed one of
 the Cabs, which had stuck out in
 to the plains - I regained the plain
 & had our Break fast & continued
 our way - The fact was, that if I

I had been aware of the thing & had
 the muzzle of my gun the other way
 I might have put my ball into her
 breast, as she was within one foot of
 me. The gash she gave my horse was
 about six inches of my thigh.

From Fort Augustus we
 made a hunting excursion south
 to Bear Lake, we were half a day
 of us well mounted, about ten
 miles off. The grass hoppers had
 destroyed every blade of grass that
 season. There was about ten feet wide
 a one foot thick that had fallen into
 the Lake, & washing ashore they lay
 with a very strong stench, we per-
 ceived a grizzly bear feeding upon
 them, it was evident he would
 never be afraid that we should
 play with him some time. He
 started but not before one of our
 party, La Libby, shot him off his
 horse & broke the bears back. there
 was then no danger in getting near
 him

He dragged him some little distance towards the table & attempted to swim. but could not. He was helpless to look at, he was ragged was he, after enjoying his looks some time he finished him. It being dark the skin was of no use - part of him was broiled upon the coals of a wood fire. but no one could eat any part, he smelt & tasted so much of the grass Hoppers - upon which he must have been feeding some time -

We met the Buffton & returned home as we left, the spirits, which had been there a few days before I made a good hunt. but they were all gone finding no grass, the grass hoppers having made the Prairies bare - They had been in plenty & bid the sun upon us something hot enough of Bear skins at the I might tell many more, when I took a part my self, one last in some one - on Bow River one

one Jean PD. but he tore my coat one day with his paw. I thought it time to shoot him. I saw another odder with the Indians in their camp, but he also had to be shot.

I never considered myself a crack shot, but I have shot so many shots that I have made some good shots.

I was under caution in the plains with a couple others ducks shooting. one Prairie Hen came before me, I leveled my gun without putting it to my shoulder. I shot it.

I was traveling with two half breed very young boys. It was in Spring at coupling time. We came to a creek we had not much to eat, our dependance being always on our Peas & Fat.

We had been cackling a little from our boy on the breast I told the boys to make a fire

get Breakfast. I also to put our
 Horses to grass. There being fine grass
 that I should try & kill one of those
 geese. I walked some little distance
 & then crawled near enough, there
 was the pair, goose & gander. They
 were so placed that my ball broke
 the back of one & went through the
 breast of the other, we had a better
 Breakfast - this was a good shot

for further progress in
 passing a small grassy pond. there
 was a sitting Drake. I came
 off my horse & shot him also with
 ball. this was a second good shot
 my ball shot was, we had some
 Buffalo. I gave chase & killed
 a fine Cow - This was 2^o 3^o good
 shots -

I made a party of three
 from Island Fort. to try & see some
~~thing~~ ^{game} - we were scarce of lead & bullets
 at a few miles distance - we saw
 a Buffalo Bull grazing - my game check
 my horse was young & so fat. He

He could not come up with him
 but the others managed to kill him
 while dropping him in a hollow
 one of them feeding near us, we
 perceived two loads coming out of
 the bushes - I took one of the best
 of the horses & gave chase, the horse
 was not one of the faintest in the world
 however I got a run enough to fire
 & broke the back of one of them
 I jumped from my horse & loaded
 & as the other was getting into the
 bushes I had a long shot - I did not
 see him fall, but by my getting up a
 small knoll I saw him raising
 his head in the agonies of death.

I went to where they were
 dropping the Bull, they enquired
 whom I had shot - as they thought
 the shot would not be from the same
 person.

They asked if I had killed
 I took them to the first where they
 had dropped this one, I told them

to follow, they could not believe
 I had killed the two - he had
 now plenty to load our Horses in
 a very short time - many other
 extraordinary I do not mean made in
 a long life - & many with Death
 suffice it to say - Not in all
 parts I saw new records
 I always ^{my} have as first,

Now let me return to
 the Isaac Tod - & a Tod the
 was - in name & reality -

I have said I think that
 the Hon^{ble} Edward Miller & Simon
 McMillan & Mr D. McTear &
 myself made our way to Port
 Smith, where lay the Isaac Tod,
 a thirty gun Letter of Rank with
 a complete crew as well as
 on board a Ship, Letter had
 she had only six guns well
 managed, then the night before
 said letter, she had on board

Ball

enough for a line of Battle Ship
 & to be in her stead, to keep her
 in them, she proved to be a fine able
 Sailer with a fine able Commander
 & a usually crew, Three Mates called
 First, Second, & Third, officers - her
 had on board half a dozen good Land
 Voyagers with a good stock of Land
 & four shells.

The Voyagers to make
 a Span a course. The Landmen to
 guide us into the River ^{Columbia} when he had
 been before the shells to act as such.

It had been so ordered at a
 Council at Fort Milliam that a
 Ship should be fitted out from London
 as I believe I have already stated
 to proceed to the Columbia where
 the Americans had established
 Station & to have a Party should proceed
 from Fort Milliam to meet this
 Ship on the Coast, & on leaving leave
 on board. This Party consisted of
 Mr. M. Lewis & (John George) & Mr.

^{At 4th}
 Mr. Henry the Bartons & that
 having settled the Ports of Trade
 in different parts across the Mountains
 then to proceed to Boston - an
 account is given fairly true of
 this expedition by Washington
 (Baird) & a good deal of it is a
 fact in fact -

~~I mention this if the
 Iowa Fed part of it were at Forts
 Mouth -~~

The Purissians had been
 some time on Board from London -
 they requested me to come
 on Shore with the Johnson & Hubbs
 all together - I gave them a meeting
 which I gave them with some
 money - in case of need - with orders
 to be on Board in time

Mr. J. O'Brien, Mr. Fillmore &
 Mr. Davis & myself were dining
 at the Sea House & at our time
 when the boat came & told us
 some men wished to see us -
 he knew he had they knew of Mr

Mr. McTearns expressed a wish to go
 on Board with them accordingly they
 all made to the wharf to see how
 complete some of the Commodore's business,
 all had made a title free with
 him & he was & all took a Home
 Boat. They had not gone far when
 a Party of young Carved them & were
 taking them all off. At the Lull
 an odd of lying in a Reception Ship
 being by Mr. McTearns made some
 distance saying they belonged to such
 a Ship for such a purpose & so
 & were all from Canada - all went
 not so. The Bishop was, took all
 except Mr. McTearns himself & one
 of the Clergy who returned a Home
 while ^{we} were still at Table. Mr
 McTearns came in all in a fury -
 telling his story & blaming me
 for allowing the Party to come ashore
 Mr. McTearns perked at me
 & said never mind.

Mr. McTearns's Brother was
 Late to Paul Gray & the Port Admiral

Admiral was written to reach
Gray - etc -

Morning & Breakfast
came & Mr. White handed me
an Order from the Admiral for
the release of our Prisoners upon
which I steered my course on
Board The Hull, went on Board
The Boon fellows had been put
in close quarters all night in case
of escape - they were in a sad state
then we were to be made Sailors
all our lives - never to see our
Father land again etc - when
they saw me, that he is we are
sure now of our safety - I presented
the order to the officer on Deck -
he gave orders for their release
I steered with them to them
to see God - all safe after what
they thought a lucky escape -

Application had been made
in the course of the past minutes
for a conveyance - It was granted

to

And the Phoebe Frigate 30 Guns was
 ready to accompany us - with sealed
 orders to go put in at Rio de Janeiro.
 for Supplies & Water & after seeing
 that I did not open his orders which
 we knew to be that I was to leave
 the Isaac Todd - & to go on board the
 Frigate with the Indwich & Landis
 & four of the Camarades in case of
 separation from the Isaac Todd & in
 case of not meeting the party from Fort
Wallis that I might try & proceed
 up the Columbia, This last idea
 was however as I believe could
 have got up with so few amongst
 a heavy Port like Liberty

The Tails latter end of
Sept in beginning of March
 under Conroy - he soon found
 the Isaac Todd to be a dull sailer
 There were a large fleet in Dr
 bay at some times to all parts
 of the world at least Sp Tail.

I had three days on Board for work
in the Columbia - of three kinds -

We had a stiff gale in
the Channel & the top of my dogs were
gone - no one would tell me how.
I felt vexed, however it talked
out here, one of the Sailors a very
big foot high Old Man of Mars saw
them in our own Board - off
the Bay of Biscay - about 2 hours
our Frigate a little a Lead of
us under easy Sail - he saw us
crossing Sail & start like a shot
from us - he did not see from
our own party what she took
out at the next Lead of the Frigate
Daw she made all possible Sail
as at all times - in about one hour
or less he saw an action & Lead
our Frigate closed with the
Sne Sail & then he saw the Top
of Escapier - It was a fine new Ship
out these days from St. Maloos a
500 ton Frigate fully armed as a
Privateer, had to her nothing

Let them chased since day light
 keeping up a running fight. By
 the time Deer killed, ^{with a} ~~was~~ Gashed
 up the channels with the gun as so
 considerable prize, he regretted much
 that he could not ² & charge for the
 good tid. The new ~~shores~~ for Jennifer
 when we landed at Santa Cruz
 Antioquia so did also the fleet & then
 we staid a few days - I joined a very
 large party, one day on all kinds of animals,
 horses, mules, oxen, & lambs to visit
 the Deck of Jennifer. The boat was
 full of thick prisoners half starved
 lying from us a loss
 I had some volume in a
 shore boat, & on landing I could not
 make out with the Charward ~~at~~
 was to pay a further ~~in~~ & ~~up~~
 all the time to settle it, he did
 so, I would not take the amount
 from me & gave me an invitation
 to dinner & a formal invitation
 while on the boat, I found he was
 an English man, a ~~white~~ ~~black~~

met in fine family -

On our return from the Pick I
 took a village called La Juna - a small party
 of us agreed to dine at an Hotel. I did
 not know who ^{the} party when we dined
 however I think new services were
 as Bess. In going down I met I met
 Capt. Mc Kee whom I had met in London
 who what kind brought you here
 He was going out on Lord Mervill's staff
 to India - The was afterwards Sir John
 Mc Kee. It was now dusk on going
 to the wharf I saw one ship boys
 boat - waiting - I stepped on board
 & ordered them to the house. To do on
 getting on I heard French spoke
 as I had allowed some of not all
 the Canadians again to go on shore
 I thought it might be one of them
 who spoke, on getting into the cabin
 the table was laid, I got with my
 back to the cabin door, a lady opposite
 with her face to the door - all at
 once she exclaimed - Oh George don't
 come

came into the cabin in that condition
 George was a corker whom we took as
 a personal servant independent of
 the crew, I turned round & saw George
 in a breast all exposed, viz. that all
 from some scratches, in place of his
 turning out, he kept noisy - calling
 that he would let Miller see how
 how he was treated on board this ship
 I told him to go out George, he made no
 signs of obeying, still exclaiming
 Miller see Miller see I tell you to retire
 else I'll kill you you all would
 not do, I got up - gave him a kick &
 sent him, head & heels, into the passage
 & saw no more of George, that night
 I went to bed, when I did

not four or five minutes when Mr. McTear
 he had also gone ashore, came
 into the cabin, roaring out, Mr. Donald
 you allowed the Canadians to go ashore
 again, they had a duet with the
 Spanish Guard & half of them are
 taken prisoners & we will take our
 then -

The fact was the Spanish Guard thought they were some of the French Prisoners making their escape & in preventing this as they thought they had a struggle, some were wounded & three taken into the Guard House, I knew that by a representation to the British Consul that they would be liberated & I went to sleep -

Next morning when all on Board were getting up from their Stunbers - I called out. Steward, Jim, Stewart I want a list of the killed & wounded this morning bring it to me, Mr. Jarvis who was in the Cabin, replied - You make a joke of it - but it may prove serious - I then understood that three Prisoners had made their escape on Board the Boat when I had come on Board - & were hid in the Hold - Had Capt. Smith sent them & I should fear my consequences, they were three

five Looking fellows they took
all they could to remain with the
command of the Ship, The Ship was
insured & there was no alteration

I told Smith when I had
breakfasted to man his Boat &
sunk me on shore in order to look for
the men, He did so, I had not gone
far from the Ship when I met them
they were released saying they were
not French Prisoners endeavoring
to escape - two of them were bound
in the Arms - all were again in
order & in two or three days we made
sail, about two miles from Home
as we sailed to get clear of the shore
we saw something a dead like a
shell in form - it was in our way
as we came up - it was a poor Prisoner
making his escape (Antonio) we took
him on board - He had been in the
Mans of Expedition, had been a poor
Prisoner & sent to Mexico as Prisoner
of War - he took Antonio along
with

asked as he was born 161
he was in expectation or rather
apprehension of meeting American
Men of War - by those Cape Verde
Islands - & our Frigate was only
of 36 guns - The Constitution America
Frigate of 50 guns - was reported
to be on those grounds -

We crossed the Equator
in due time, I saw symptoms were
apparent of the Sailors wishing
to go through the usual customs
They went through the usual Ceremony
with some new Sailors, but they
saw that the Paper engers would
resist them, they made no attempt,
he crossed the line in about
20 D. west Longitude -

A few days after we were
to give the Captⁿ of the Frigate &
his officers - a Dinner, having all
that was good & best of wine &
Protein - The invitation was given
they came on Board, & Dinner was
served up - when he had got
Down

down here found that dinner was
 not what we ordered - called The
 Steward, here is the order of
 L. G. & a better dinner, yes, but,
 Cap. Smith ordered so & so to his help
 He apologized to Cap. Hilliard
 for his bad dinner, He said it was
 good enough - we made the best
 of it we could, & on the 10th we were
 all retired

When you I went into
 Smith's Cabin, I asked him & his
 officers how they dined the talking
 of part of the dinner, they reply'd
 they wanted a good dinner as
 well as we did

A Guinea Cow wanted some
 taken place, but the Jews & Lotters
 came & took the place away - no
 doubt that I had I wanted to see
 punished some of them - but
 went on & I dined on board
 the Frigate some days after

Pis -

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Rea de Janeiro

We came to anchor in this Harbour
we found there an Admirals Ship
a Large Frigate & some smaller Vessels
of War - The Land as well as the
Frigate (Blanch) & take in fresh
water, Biscuit &c &c

One day (we were here a
month) Captⁿ Hillier sent for
Mr. de Saiz & by self representing
that he learned that the ^{Spanish}
American Frigate with his own
strength was in the South Pacific
& had fitted out a fine British
Whaler as a Shop of War of
20 Guns & that in case of falling
in with them that both would
be too much for ^{both} them - That the
Isaac Tod would be of no use &c
as she was but a dull Sailors
& I. poorly manned - I requested
of us as British (with a view of
the Isaac Tod) to draw out a
writing

writing to the Admiral (Grand Adm.
Dixon) requesting him to send us
Additional Force with the ^{Dr} ~~Dr~~ ^{Dr} ~~Dr~~

The Gent from us to his country
Residence then in twelve Miles up the
Harbour. This 74 Lay near us. It
was about our Dinner time when
his Boat manned by 12 men came
along side - a Midshipman in hers
with the Purse

We expected it was
the Packet on board of his Ship &
left without our Dinner. We
found we steered our course
up the Bay, I asked the Midshipman
to what he was steering he replied to
the Admirals - The Admiral you will
see I am not dining after a long journey
we got to the Admirals.

We found still at Table
Himself. Lady & Sister - his two Sons
Capt in the Navy & our own Capt -
The last of their Dinner carrying
off. Set down gentlemen &

He is to be seen here I'll be
 as. Dredging & Dies carrying
 away -

But I. just Admirals
 (as I had seen met them before) he
 then not denied, By your Orders
 he thought you desired
 in your own Ship at 2. O.C. Yes
 but he answered your message
 thinking he was going on board
 your Ship before he had died.

The Mr. some Dies were
 ordered back & he had a good
 dinner & good wine a
 Conference was held. The
 result was that we should re-
 present things to him that he
 should forward it to the Lords
 of the Admiralty. & that he should
 send Mr. Slope of war with
 us, then crossing of Cape Horn
 & expected that point daily - This
 pleased us. & at South the day
 Boat was named again & was
 here sent with Cap. William to
 our respective Ships

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I forgot that off the Bay of Biscay -
all of a sudden our Frigate, crossed Tail
we did not see from our Ship, that
the frigate from her more left. Next
morn, saw an action at hand, we made
all sail also, in an hour or two, saw
two Ships engaged, in a couple of hours
saw the enemy's Ship had surrendered
seeing there was no escape & we came
up. It appeared that there had been
a running fight all day, that the enemy's
Frigate was out from St. Maloes two days
before her Privateers of 500 Tons, had taken
nothing & was back of Sight to one
of Her Majesty's Cruisers

Three or three days after this
when under full sail, a Frigate came
in Sight to windward, leaving down
upon us, Our Frigate ordered us
to keep clear & prepare to do what
little we could as we expected the
Stranger to be a French Cruizer - It
was now after dusk, all at Quarters
& ready for action, when Lights
were

have exchanged - The Stanger is
 light cruiser - ~~It is~~
 got the lobby prepared to fight
 a French Tanager force - taking
 us for a French Tanager under
 away - The of course to the loss
 for an American cruiser - in
 that latitude - The law no other
 vessels on its passage since we
 left Teneiff -

Pro de Janeiro

Oranger & Tropical Fruits
 new to us - restricted from
 too much use of them - Here
 our sailors began to desert &
 even our first mate - on as he was
 called first Lieut - one Hittaly
 His Hittaly's Aunt we found
 was kept by the British Command
 A Rio. I went as soon to look
 for him & the sailors, I addressed
 the Consul, who, interested
 himself in regard to the sailors

a couple of whom I found taken
up & in jail on the top of the Hill
I went ashore next day - I went to
the Consul's House a very gentlemanly
person I told him how God got our
1st Mate Mr. Hobbly, & that we were
informed that his House Keeper was
his Aunt that he had been seen at
his House. That may be true was
his reply, but I have not seen the
person & do not know him if I did.

Mr. Top was that he was in debt
as most of the Sailors were - we had
to get a new crew by means of the
Crimps before we left the Harbour -

On one fine day - a Boat
came along side asking to speak
to Mr. McDonald, I went upon deck
& found it a Man of War's Boat with
an officer (a Lieutenant) on Board, He
asked me if I would take a Bottle
of rum with him, I accompanied
him & I strolled the rest of the day
It was after dinner, The days were
long in that season -

This name was Benson 2^d Lieut. of
The Frigate a nice fellow - He was
driving towards evening - we pre-
-pared to return on Board & Took
a Row Boat. The Loss of an hour
about 2 Miles off

When sighting the Ship
Benson said I'll go on Board your
Ship & have a Tumbler of your
London Port. Come along - as
we got sighted we heard a noise
on Board, Benson said he had been
on that on Board, I replied - Some
one with his with his Sailors
I suppose - I saw enough - I
made Benson step up first &
followed, when we saw Capt. Smith
on the Quarter deck with his arms
extended & 32^d Shot in each hand
exclaiming to the Sailors come
forward & I'll knock your chains
out - These Sailors - one on each side
of the Deck as Prisoners for some
fault & took some what in vigour
The

The rest of the crew ~~at~~ about twenty
five (25) at the Steerage Compartment
ready to come forward to rescue
the two Prisoners, while I was
the Canadians were quietly sitting on
the taffrail as lookers on.

Mr. Pierson had no time
he went up to one of the two Prisoners
that kept making him quiet & hold his
tongue, Be quiet my good fellow, be
quiet - As you see he was on
board of this Ship what business is
it in your mind your dad Campbell
to tell me to be quiet, I could not
be comply. This caused my Darning
I went up to him his name was Pat.
Pat be quiet, I speak your Honor
I am not speaking to you but I
am speaking to you Pat. I speak your
Honor I am not speaking to you. I
tell you again Pat not a word more.
I speak your Honor. He was sitting
on a coil of ropes - I gave him a
kick full on the face, knocked over

The coil of rope when he lay a
 without a moment top of time
 crossed the deck & up to the
 other side - a tall & stout English
 man - an old man of years - man
 who had been discharged from
 the Army of War - on account
 of an ulcer in the leg - large old
 whiskers - I was standing
 before you - you had a musket - you
 drew my dog over Board
 I gave a blow he fell like a
 log - I kicked him & left him
 quiet enough, both now very
 quiet - I rushed towards the
 crew - I you, you did musket -
 before I got back more than
 half way - all were taking turns
 breaking their necks - I had
 no time to stop - you got to
 in top then the minutes past
 a sailor was on deck, I a -
 hurried to the Quarter Deck -
 Person came to me - well
 done

done I never saw a better
 thing done in my life, Come the
 Prison let us have our Porters,
 he had it with some Prisoner
 Prison took his leave & I never
 read a word of it, all was right.
 Prisoner he was reported on
 board the Frigate, there was a British
 man in the Frigate who had known
 me, I understood he had said that
 is nothing for McDonald - In that as
 it may I quelled a mutiny in less
 than five minutes which might
 have given some trouble, perhaps
 in respect to the Frigate to do so.

In a few days we prepared
 to sail in the Phoenix, she had
 20 guns & 200 men of 20 guns
 The Harbour of Pina is
 very fine, The entrance narrow - on
 one side a strong fortification three
 tiers of guns & on the other a flat
 rock - Signals were made to sail
 after dark; The Force of a Land

He

The Breeze a 50 gun Ship was
 on her way at the time behind
 us all at once we met the Sea
 Breeze our sails ~~were~~ lashed
 & the Breeze came down upon
 us, before she could meet the
 Sea Breeze her Bow sprit was
 across the gun Isaac Todd was
 under her bows. A heavy
 Surf coming in. Cap: Smith
 was of course upon Deck with
 his Trumpet which he threw
 upon Deck, saying aloud, we
 are gone - ~~the~~ ^{the} Breeze ~~is~~ ^{is} gone &
 the Breeze would have sunk us.
 I called to Smith & - 2 your
 soul dont say so you will dis-
 courage all hands - The Breeze
 put back & we got out & cast
 anchor about 2 miles out,
 with a strong wind, which made
 us toss more than I ever was
 tossed in my life. I never heard
 men wish to be tossed again

Next

We were fairly at Sea next
 morning - a fine Squadron of
 40 Whales of nearly Sea Gans -
 I need not have spoken of
 Whales, Porpoises, Seals, Sharks, Dolphins
 flying fish &c they are too well
 known - nor need I say of the
 Cape Porpoise.

It was s. told in London
 that Capt. Hillier had his delect
 order - the well known to him. That
 when out from Rio, I was to leave
 the Isaac Tod - & go on board the Frigate
 in case of Separation & take three
 or four of my Canadians with me
 with our necessaries.

When fairly out Capt. H.
 sent a Boat & I left the Isaac Tod
 without regret, The success of
 the thing & the topics of meeting
 the Frigate pleased me - I was well
 on board the Frigate next morning
 by Capt. & officers - Had my Cott-
 stowing amongst guns &c & on board
 outfitting & then into beds.

We had very rough weather
 of the South end of the Cape & were
 near 24 weeks before we could
 double Cape Horn. Driven near
 half way to the Cape of Good Hope
 we lost sight of the Isaac Todd
 in a gale, our headwinds was
 from the S.W. - We doubled
 the Cape at last under 100 Sails
 It was winter then. The deck
 was on sheet of ice for 8 weeks
 & our Sails on frozen sheet also,
 we turned our faces Southward
 as if towards home - we were
 now got sight of our old friends
 the North Polar Star - & with
 less violent weather we
 made Swan Islands - Mr. Lincoln
 our son, old old London here
 cant anchor in the afternoon
 some 1200 Boats came to us
 with some such stuff as junk
 Beef some little smelling &
 tasting of gunpowder he did not
 like it much

The next morning about noon
 The Captains of the three Ships of
 War The Enson & D^r of the Frigate
 & Myself went ashore they gave
 us the Honors of first Landing - we
 were met by two fat Priests who
 hugged and kissed us - It was
 a small colony - I had a small Village
 The Soil a kind of Cudding which
 would not keep and I saw
 twenty seven Lines, ~~there~~ there
 was a kind of Guard - But
 we were conducted to the Gov^r House
 he put his Excellency in the
 Balcony who hugged us as did
 the Priests - We were not heard
 into a large Hall where was
 His Excellency's fair Lady &
 six very beautiful Daughters
 His Lady with young His second
 wife a very beautiful woman
 in all the whole family including
 His Excellency himself as fine
 a specimen of the genus Homo

as could be met with - he
was upwards of 84 feet & well
proportioned.

They could not speak
either English or French &
we could not Spanish - of
consequence our conversation
ended when it began - we
had a Tailor on board Lemmon
who spoke a little Spanish
he was sent for -

We learned that the
Esper & her consort the Esperant
had lately left the main shore
Valparaiso & had gone North
our stay here was about our
week but no Isaac Tod - we
had daily excursions on shore
shooting Pigeons - which in
many respects resembled some
Pigeons of all colors & very
numerous - we got fresh Beef
on Bullies on Board.

We all made the Young

Some presents which pleased them. Thanks we left them with mutual regret. They had no Plans - they were a free family. We then saw Silkin's look out Station - where Anderson had made a Battery.

While Gen. Capt. Hilliar was with me on Commodore, I had perused some accounts of the entrance of the Columbia River & found that the Bar was too shallow to admit his Frigate. He therefore requested me to draw out a letter to him representing this & giving it as my opinion that his only way was to put one or two of our sloops of War & to detach the Sloop to the Columbia while he would himself go in quest of the Bay. This letter was to be forwarded to the Admiralty as his Authority to do so. &c

I did so jointly with the
Dunsmuir

He acted upon this letter
I sent myself & Canadian on
on board the Macove Hoop Capt
Potter while he was to conduct
us ~~as we were~~ far inland -
to be safe from falling in with
The ~~Enemy~~ he sailed

When off Casuarina
we saw a Sail - a Gun made
her Hunter Sail - Capt - ordered
on Board she proved to be a
Whaler from Dunsmuir &
reported that the Brig had been
in Port, had landed several
British Sailors who were in
distress - & had left - still
we kept company - & when thought
quite safe. He called the Captains
on Board of his Frigate, & had the
Honour of the invitation also
& of being one of the Council -
It was determined that

see

Should part. The Commodore & Cheab to
 stand in for Parana & that the Navy
 should proceed to the Columbia (clear Oregon)
 been packed with spirit. There was no talk
 in a force but than Cap. Hillian. It
 was a fine afternoon & within 10 days
 we had plenty of fresh & I was sent
 in pleasantly enough. The Plan was
 a great appearance in the Ships, Capt
 crews in my respect.

We stopped at the Island of
 Cocon, we had a sailor on board who
 died the evening before, & the Capt. de-
 termined to bury him on the shore on
 reaching the Harbour & wanted a word
 of softy shanks following the ship at
 low evening, The evening gun was fired
 & such a chorus of different birds &
 never heard - Next day the birds were
 full of them, (Broodes) they were called -
 I went ashore with my gun. I got a large
 bird size of a small Turkey but by the
 small form I left him when he
 was. It resembled a Turkey in pattern.
 They were very tame & so were the Broodes

There were figs on the Island as we
 saw by their packing the ground. I got
 Coconuts in the western Harbour
 into which falls a small creek. I
 shot 2 Seals. The cask was full of
 a Seal of fish at high water, Open
a Seal.

We left the Island & got
 Turtle on the third or fourth day
 Capt. Black told me at dinner
 that the guns had not been fired
 since he had left this - that when done
 dinner he should scale the guns -
 i.e. give them off & reload them &c

The 1st of June began at the
 forward bow gun. I then ran Lin
 & following from gun to gun as fired
 the gun broke its fastenings &
 recoiled a great deal - we got to
 the 10th gun on the starboard side. I
 saw the priming take fire & some
 of the contents of the gun - going of
 take a match partly wet. It com-
 municated with the Boys of Guard

in reloading the gun, which were
 fixed over the gun. The explosion was
 immediate from gun to gun & to
 the maines powder store in range
 along the beams of the deck - in
 all perhaps 300 lbs Powder Between
 decks - Immediately came the groans
 of 26 men who were scotched, I was
 amongst the number, I stood however
 & recollecting that the companion
 stairs to the upper decks was near me
 on my right hand - I had only a step
 to make to get to the steps - I ascended
 I met Capt. B. who was up on
 deck, he enquired of me what was
 the matter, I replied I knew not -
 I saw all the crews in the bow of the
 vessel expecting to be blown up -
 I exclaimed come back, perhaps the
 ship will get on fire, all came
 & they jumped up on me several of
 them, I was draped in blankets
 which was all in fire, I found my
 eyes were safe I met the Lieut. who

was also severely burnt - I asked
him are we gone for it. O No - I heard
a flap of Gray - Take a flap. No. No.
Some fire then - the Smash down
cleared away - My Coat was strung
up & I was put to Bed. My Canadian
said that lived fire had come out by
the Port Holes - The Deck was raised
a little but not to damage the Ship

I lay in Bed, my wounds were
dressed, taking my Hat off & in
my hand at the time & my gloves also
off - My head took the fire, the back -
could not be known from my face
how it got for my conspicuous stroke
my hands all burnt as well as
several parts of my Body - legs &c
particularly when the seams of my
clothes had burnt deeper

In perhaps the space of one
hour - then came the most severe
burning heat - as well my own cabin
as the Sailors below decks began
pour fellows - here lay in our beds &
Linnemakers

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Hammerheads for weeks under the
shot & scorching pains, the groans
of the Sailors were piteous full - some I know
to weep, In three or four days I became
delirious - I had a great advantage
My Hammock was hung in the Cap^{ts}
Cabin - the lights all open for air -
The Sun was vertical & the heat very
great - I had also the advantage of being
more attended to by the Surgeon - &
my own men to fan & attend me

In a few days - Sails & Linen
were all exhausted, there had been
a deficiency for several weeks, but
not enough for Gales to let the Sails burning
I had an advantage in this case also.

My Men took to arms but I thought
my men would be more taking off the Drags
they came off their ease & I gave out the
best pain as the poor Sailors suffered
The Surgeon tearing off as it were, he
had no time for being any longer any
easy matter there.

My Sandwich's & O'Landen was

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at one of the guns saw the explosion
& instantly laid himself on his face
& saved himself - except the tip of his
nose - Mr Spassid the Galifagos
which I saw out of the Cabin Windows
from my cot -

I perceived that the
groans of the wounded became less
I thought they had recovered - One
of my men Jack Grant a Black Irish
an Ordinary Member of the Crew
I had some douceurs given me
which the others had not, such as
Sago - Rice &c that I could swallow
I used to send part by the Cabin
Boy to poor Jack -

When I was out of danger
Mr Decker one morning began to
tell me when sleeping in, I have
had news to tell you - I meant not
tell you before, but now I can say
of your man is gone Jack Grant -
whom I thought had been all the
time partaking of my Sago -

I asked

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I asked how these men ^{were} who were
so much here, the reply is men are
gone in all. I got near the second
harbour wounded of them all. That
owing to your Temperance habits you
were saved. I had conversation
at all times with the best. The re-
covered, a very fine fellow -

We got to the Columbia as
mentioned by Washington ^{Swing} on
the 30th Nov. 1843. I anchored in Baker
Bay - a beautiful morning, the Saucy
came on board from their village to trade
their fish. I was then able to walk
on deck often supported by some
of the officers - Capt. Osburne requested
me to purchase the fish, Galin. I went
to have seen Capt. in Harbour, &
without dread or fear of any Indians
on any thing else. It was burning.

Next morning we saw a
Dark canoe coming towards us -
from Astoria, it came along side
I knew it was Douglas & my old men

At once they came on Board & told
us all the news - My Old Man
scarcely knew that I was still in such
a State - until I shook hands with
them by their names -

Washington Irving is in some
part correct, but not in the principal
part. I had no expectation of prize
money, nor disappointment in any
respect, they were sent to fulfil a
duty to the North West Co. & it was the
Gov^t measure, they were as it
were under my direction as a
Partner of that Company & acted
accordingly -

We tilled with Mr. M. D. [?]
that we should land next day - about
(Siberia to Astoria) I take possession
in his name - So tilled Mr. D.
His crew half a dozen - from Vancouver
returned to Astoria

Several Indians came on
Board with fish & I think them they
convinced (one eye) himself -

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Astoria Dec 1813 -

Next day came, The Ships Long Boat landed. The Cap^t (Black) my self & a Kiddishman on Board with the Boats compliment of men. we Steered for Astoria when we found both the South West fort & Astorians ready to receive us, To our utter disappointment we found a few Stores & Barracks ^{only} surrounded with a few imperfect Stockades, we had no Arms & Captⁿ my own feeling for a pair of Pistols, there were two or three Swivels mounted near the gate - the place was not fit to resist anything but Troops. - Commonly was there if I am not in right to some more Indians - of no use at least we had owned no thought upon them. - Cap^t Black took a Bottle of Mine or perhaps something strong & broke it against the Flag Staff. Landed the Union Jack & called it Fort George

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I after taking a glass of wine
 & a lunch, returned on board
 in our vessel - My Toyagans
 & Boyage was sent for & Capt
 Black remained in Harbor a
 few days for favorable weather
 then left. I understood after
 that he had sailed on the Bear - put into
 St. Francisco to repair some damage
 & then sent the Isaac Tod - which
 gave him great assistance

I was now at Astoria
 and as Senior Partner ~~to~~ command
 the Washington Brown ends his
 story -

They were at Astoria -
 John George McTavish, Alex. Henry,
 John Stewart, Alex. Stewart - Sr. W.
 Putnam with Tom Clark & others
 of Astoria's Party - John Clark
 W. McLaughlin, W. Stewart
 Donald McRinger Partner of
 John Jacob Astor & several others
 & others - The Chimble Hills, the

little party - a party of fish, partly
 & partly Stingers, on my way one
 of 500 weight was brought in -
 There was also Prisoners from the
 South West Island.

In Dec^r a couple Canoes
 with a dog & men under Mr. Able^r
 steered down out up to the Island
 with Supplies - They were
 attacked by some our Indians - one
 man killed, Mr. Thwade struck wounded
 with an arrow in his back, he never
 recovered well enough - ~~The party~~
 The goods were pillaged - & the party
 drove back.

The consequence was a
 second strong party to Zy & across
 the property & to revenge the attack
 they were under J. G. McTearns &
 Mr. Henry - both of Doubt full courage
 they recovered part of the goods by
 taking a chief Indian Prisoner &
 keeping him until all that could
 be got was collected

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The winter passed along till April when all was ready to take our departure for the Astoria Port with Supplies & my self & the Astorians to cross the Mountains & reach N. Fort William.

Leaving Mr. Henry & McDougal in Command at Astoria in hopes of the arrival of the Isaac Tod which vessel did arrive after our departure being wintered at St. Francisco - Both Mr. & Mrs. Todd I. Geo. - but Donald & his wife had left London in the Isaac Tod with the crew both drowned in the Columbia in leaving the Fort & in going on board to Baker Bay - & the ship lay at anchor -

I proceeded then up the River with cannon & Boats in all about 80 men with 2 Journals I feared nothing - we were generally under full sail, the South East wind prevalent

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The next with the Indians along the
River, we kept watch at nights
we recovered some more of the property
Mr. J. G. showed the white feathers
I obtained from him. all the others said
I did well.

For perhaps 50 miles the
Banks are Rocky & stony woods, then
come a fine country as we have
left a barren region. nothing but
a kind of warm wood but with
strawberries. Then come a fine country
& finally a cold dry country as we
approached the Mountains. we
had some of the Indians for so
many we bought some horses &
found them equal to ours as
we made proper search of the
Party struck off to the different parts
which proceeded with the others
to the Mountains.

Then we left camp
& began a Mountain Pass -
Snow & winter weather.

We got over the first barrier on high ground, fell into a creek the River at a current of 2000 ft. or more - a gravelly bottom where I saw some gold abroad - The River then ran back - we could not go round its course & consequently as it would be a long journey of it - & then being back again

We therefore made a high course of it, leading by one another by tubes & tubes & leading up to our lips sometimes in water - dashing in frozen at one point & dashing out the ice at the opposite point - frozen again before we reached in again - Thus we got to the highest part on height of land - which divide the waters falling into the Pacific from those falling into the Atlantic on the North Bay - The men carrying our provisions & blankets

It took

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I think from days Land with before
 we got fairly out of the Mountains to
 Gasper's Glades House at a small Lake
 as it were the source of the Athabasca
 River. Some times camping on I saw
 Robert Duf. so that the times we made
 in the evening were 15 or 20 feet below
 us next morning, at one campment
 we had below & camped at the
 bottom very comfortable for that night
 One of my men on the east side of
 the Mountains broke his leg. I had
 the option it as I could & left him
 with one man till he got well to
 reach Gasper's House

I remained a couple days
 at this Port to rest ourselves & to
 prepare a canoe, I then saw a
 I departed descending saw a stiff
 current at the base of the mountains
 north on Lake - left day - he got
 to the entrance of Pembina River
 I was now at home as it were
 having been there some two or three

years before - on the same Pembina
 River, we now ascended Pembina
 for two days - plenty of game till
 we got to Fortage Pembina - where
 we left on canoe. I with our all
 upon the river's banks proceeded on
 the Dodge - a fine trail, half way
 roads to the other half in prairie
 with small lakes - plenty of game
 The Swan - Goose, Ducks, Prairie Hen
 next day we got across fifty miles
 by the trade to Fort Augustus
 where we surprised them - we
 found them only stone who were left
 in charge for the land - my party
 were six men - The others I left
 on the way to come on as they well
 could, they came in time to Fort
 William. At Fort Augustus I pre-
 -pared a canoe, in a couple days I
 embarked on a canoe on the noble
 Saskatchewan & here soon amongst
 the Bluffs - Deer, Bears &c - but
 no time was to be lost, the season

was advanced, we got to embark
 the next morning & proceeded
 on to Fort William to report proceedings
 some leaving Porton with in the day
 9th. The several gentlemen from
 Montreal mentioned as usual

Having determined to dis-
 tance from the country & leaving a
 department to attend to at Fort
 William I requested a canoe with
 entering Voyageurs & others who journey
 with the 8th Astorians, that we
 might proceed to Montreal & get a
 canoe ready in time we embarked
 such as I have mentioned

About half way to the
 South St. Mary's his boat or rather
 saw at a distance a small canoe
 coasting along - we made toward
 it & found it to be Capt. McQuinn
 & three Voyageurs - Capt. of the Phoenix
 on the Lake

He reported that he had
 made his escape, that he was found

to Fort William to give the information
 that the Sault Establishment had
 been burnt down by the enemy - the
 Horses all burnt & also 2 Linn Schoon
 taken - The Horses all taken &
 all they could not take away was
 burnt -

I immediately told Linn
 to proceed while I should continue
 to see & ascertain whether the
 enemy had gone away or if they
 were staying he wanted to make a
 Prize of all the Furs, then ready
 to the am^t of one hundred thousand
 Pounds striking to kill the Hon^{ble}
 William de Plessency who was
 the Principal Agent - that if
 I found no one of the enemy at
 the Sault St. Rays - that I should
 proceed on Lake Huron & ascertain
 if the Lake was clear of any Ships
 of war or our Craft - & according
 as I found things that I should act
 & if there was danger that I should

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met them or let them know. I
knew that I with our canoe could
avoid being taken & escape them.

I got to the South & found
all as he described. all went over
the poor Horses & I unmasked some
a fight & proceed to Lake Huron
cautious on the way that all was
clear. I put a small canoe out
on the Lake proceeding westward
I soon landed & found it to be
a Mr. Franks an Old Makinac
Indian with four Indians with
a bag of fresh American scalps. They
were bound to Makinac which was
in our possession, Mr. Franks re-
ported his having seen nothing
on the Lake, I proceeded then to
French River the route for Caroes
to Montreal. I encamped at the
mouth of the River, when I could
see anything which might occur.
In a couple days a Boat man
said some found the point eastward

I immediately ordered My Course & half a dozen Men in the bottom while doing so a second Boat appeared - I told the other four Men I can not allow them to go without ascertaining what they see - stay you here if I am taken Prisoner - I will endeavor to let Mr. M. G. know the facts

I pushed with all the power I could to the Boats which by this time had passed on under sail & were a head of me - I fired a shot a head of them on the starboard side a ball a head of them, when they took down sail I paddled my Course along side - To my joy saw an officer of the Navy - with the British Button - a Parley of some time took place The Lad commanded an armed Schooner, the American Schooner Met Line, he got into Santague River when thought he

He might be safe, but they wanted
 their boats took his rifle & he
 & his crew made their escape in
 the boats & were on their way to
 Makinac.

Of course I told him my
 story & also that if he met Mrs
 McGillivray or the whole of our
 crews not to alarm them & tell
 them he had met me & was at
 the French River.

The Lad did not go much
 further when he met the Brigades
 keeping near shore not to be so well
 seen & to try & get amongst islands
 & I should the evening appears, of
 course he related all this the evening
 all arrived safe at French River
 where all were safe from the rest of
 the journey to Montreal - all camped
 there that night & all left in good
 from danger next morning, thus was
 done our stealing safe - & all got safe
 to Montreal.

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It appears that soon after the
 two Boats had left or parted with
 the Brigade - perhaps 25 Miles
 further up the Lake - Two Schooners
 had cast anchor abreast of an
 certain point, when nothing could
 escape being seen & taken - There
 they were to stay to way say the
 Furs - a day or 2 - Yours too late
 however disappointed them - but
 then they say - It was now dark
 & the Light & Gun the Boats got
 past without observation - You
 remarked their position & proceeded
 to Baker's - when I prepared
 in a short time, Boats & Volunteers
 to attack the two Enemy's 'Refuge'
 He left Baker's in the afternoon
 & concealed his party & Boats
 behind a point of Land till the
 Dawn he thought best to make
 the Attack - Capt. William McKay
 was of the Party with some
 voyageurs - in brass a man as
 well was on earth - a Partner
 a Co. of the N. W. C.

He related to me the circumstances
 Before day light the Party started
 from their place of concealment & di-
 rected their course to the Rebels woods
 at day break they saw but one Rebel
 It appears that the other had been
 dispatched to the Salet as a double surety
 that either on both would and doubly
 intercept the fugitives & make a rich prize
 The latter Rebel it appeared had
 gone to the Salet & found all had
 passed safe, & reached the Lake in time
 before both Rebels had made their
 appearance this could not have been
 more than a couple hours of course
 this hurried them back to their
 resort which they had left at anchor
 under command of the ~~captain~~^{superintendent}
 officer - In the mean time, the Rebel
 Party pushed on - came along side
 were fired upon & but they boarded
 & carried on - giving as they said
 some of the crew with their fire
 Bayonets to the death - Thus

Thus having made all secure & stay - they laid quiet at anchor - ex-
-pecting the return of the other from the
south.

They had not been more
than four hours in this situation
when they saw the other returning
They lay quiet presented any signals
The vessel coast anchor as they wished
to be made -

Upon this they raised anchor
quietly & came down upon the late
arrival. The Officer on the watch re-
-ported to the Captain in command
that the other was bearing down upon
them, He replied he would do
so without any orders, but it was
so they came down, passed in a
broad side, & bounded, Thus with-
-out much loss, they took both
Shooner & brought to make
with crews as Prisoners of war
The North lost four all safe
at French River

J. M. S.

I was thus once more in Montreal
 after an absence of about two years
 I left off the idea of going to England
 & passed the winter at Montreal
 amidst gaily amusements, feasting &

The St. W. C. in winter in
 the days of their troubles with the
 Earl of Falkland in Spring of
 - 1815 -

The James Cook of Falkland, John
 not getting out his boat yet, (He was
 attended with the Hudson's Bay C.
 in the Fur Trade) from La Hève, when
 he thought there was too small inter-
 course with the St. W. C. & determined
 to alter the usual plan. I pitched
 Terrence as his head quarters - where
 men, food, houses & were engaged
 Messrs. Colin Robinson, John Black &
 some others acted in they under
 the name. They were in the Village
 of Terrence about 400 Voyageurs
 getting out for the Hudson's Bay territory
 by way of Fort William They

They had possession of an Inn a
good Sarge House, kept by one Allard,
Capt. McKay was Owner of this Inn
& Allard's lease was near expiring
if I remember right 1st of May -

This Party headed by Robinson
Chase &c. formerly speaks to the N. W.
Co. to be had been ~~the~~^{some} years before
under my command in the North
but when the Co. had discharged
became very troublesome & dangerous
in the Village, & particularly insulting
& making it dangerous to any one
connected with the N. W. Co. to pass
the Streets. There were in the Village
several families connected with
the N. W. Co. The Husbands & Mothers
McKee an Old Partner I well remember
was of the number & so was the
Late David Thompson Astronomer
Mr. Robt. McKenzie was Governor of
Quebec. Mr. James McKenzie
Totally of Quebec was at the Village
at the time.

Capt. McKay

Capt. M. Kays leaves the Ashland being
 to transport next day. I was then
 requested by the Hon. Mr. Wm. McMillen
 & others of the Ash. Co. to go out & try
 & dispossess Lord Falklands Party of 120
 Jan. Giving me an instrument in writ-
 ing to that effect. I undertook the thing
 & took a Calcutt & Carter next morning
 Robinson, rather a dashing
 fellow, but he knew me well, & got the
 information of all this & as I was
 pushing in a Tow at one of the Trawers
 Robinson came in sight, with a very
 fine span of horses, full till he
 knew a few feet from shore, Robinson
 called out to the Owner of the Tow
 to take him on Board, This man
 asked me to be allowed to put back
 I said yes. & Robinson & group
 were taken on Board.

Some years before when I
 wintered at Sol. a large party I was
 opposed by a Doctor Bull of the
 Hudson's Bay Co. & the said Lord some

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disputes. He returned to London &
left the Country. I wrote in the Month
Herald some short article regarding
him, not altogether to his taste.

Robinson on getting on board
the ship, had a News paper in his
hand. He asked me if I had seen
it. I replied I had not. He said
there is an article in it regarding
Dr. Auld - who if he knew the writer
he might expect punishment.

I got angry at his bombastic
manner & threat. I said Robinson
I am the person who wrote the
article, tho' I did not know it was
quoted in that Paper - you & the
Doctor both know me & you both
may go & tell Dr. A. I heard no
more of the Doctor.

We got to Turbome - I
stopped at my first acquaintance
House. The late Mr. Thompson &
Mr. Chabouley's House was right
I told my errand of course
after

after half an hour conversation
 I moved to go up through the Village
 both these gentlemen objected saying
 I must be searched & searched as
 I had to pass I was soon to go to Mr
 B. King's Mansion to see I was
 intended to dine

This could not prevent
 my purpose I passed without any
 hesitation - I then - after dinner
 I said I must now go & get posses-
 sion of my share, I was told not to
 make the attempt I said I had
 come out for that purpose, what should
 I suffer for I must out as
 expected of me - I took my hat
 & went to accompany Mr. King
 Mr. Jones & King a brown fellow, he
 you must not go alone Mr. D. D.

The Lad set you to go
 down street when we came to the
 House, there were outside & inside
 about 300 men & women, & as we
 were told some Bally amongst them

The House was a two story House
 of Stone, inside a half dozⁿ Steps
 from the Street to the Bar Room -
 I mounted three Steps, Mr. McKing
 following close, when I was pushed
 back suddenly, had it not been
 that Mr. McKing was close behind
 I would have fallen upon my back
 but he bore me up & had a cane
 in my hand, sharp point of Steel
 containing also a small sword
 I did not draw but I pointed
 the Steel point before me, remained
 at a week the steps again & made
 my entrance good. The Bar Room
 full of men - Mr. McKing with
 me. I enquired for Mr. Allard -
 he was not to be found, His wife
 was within the Bars, I said I
 had come to take possession & got
 my writing out of my pocket. She
 said she would take the writing
 I then read it - when having done
 so, saying that the House must be
 closed

clean when I came again next
 morning, I ~~took~~ ^{made} my way out all
 hand making a clean passage for
 me when in the street, I heard them
 say. He would not get in again. I
 turned round & said we are only two
 of us, you are about 300 of you.
 I made my way through you & I
 would do so again if it was my
 duty. You are a cowardly lot. Mr
 McKenzie over heard one of them say
 He is a man - it's just L'Honnour
 I ~~then~~ ^{then} said to Mr. McKenzie
 let us go into their lanes yard &
 look at them lanes. He said you
 have no place to go there, it is private
 premises, you are tempting too
 much. Between the life I must go,
 the heat & humidity of Mrs. Robinson
 & black voices he knew, within
 a stone throw trying to make some
 of the men to insult us. The men
 came & said what business have
 you here, they are amusing ourselves
 I said

I am an satisfy'd, we returned -

I then went in search of
a Projector - could find none
to take up our Morning, then Bully
who pushed me Luck - all had left
the Village -

Next Morning I took
my Cart & his Calash, pass'd
the Snow - all was quiet & in two
days all was gone up Lac the
Mountains & the Village was
clear of them all - This I con-
sider was a dangerous experiment
in a civilized part of the World
I gained my point -

Mr. Simon McMillan
& a young Lad Mr. English of the
House of Sen. this Dec^r of London
had come to Canada, I wish'd
to visit Fort William, I was re-
quested to accompany them as they
had Thayer & Spoke 2. French
I agreed to it. we got to Fort

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Gen William - met all the friends
again & after some days prepared
to return - Peace had by this time, been
restored - I particularly had taken place
Peace with our Neighbours beyond
45 - also.

We made our way to the
Sault St. Louis, we visited Michicame
we passed French Mission once more
made our passage to Sault Ste. Marie and
up the River to Lac Seul, crossed
in rather a narrow ^{young Strait} ~~that~~ Lake to Holland
Landings - crossed ^{young Strait} with our canoe
in a Trapper or there & all our baggage
to Little York, New Ontario -

We stayed here a couple days
& went up the Lake, & crossed over
to Niagara - to see the Falls,
we were here entertained by the
Capt - then on duty, I mean at the
Fort George Niagara -

We determined next to coast
the American Side of Lake Ontario to
Kingston - but were delayed by the

At one at one point - we saw
 the different Towns Orange & N. Boston
 I put in to Sacket Harbor to see
~~the~~ the place of Genl. Douverts
 defeat - The Officer in command
 politely showed us all & gave us
 lunch - we left in the afternoon
 to cross to Kingston - no one in
 our crew had ever been that way.
 At blue light of the wide Lake &
 it was late we pitched our tent for
 the night & were from Wain's alarms
 slept soundly.

We got to Kingston next
 day at noon - I met as we expected
 the Hon. Mr. de Gillerney - who was
 to follow us - Our coasted the North
 Side of the Lake - We had arrived
 in the morning & waited us -

The next morning (Mr
 Simon de Gillerney had been gone
 into his Brother's canoe - English &
 I was in the other) rather late
 in the evening, that our men might

25th got away in the Liguorn & encamped two or three Miles below

The men at Sappan in a large Tent, The Men of the ~~two~~ ^{two} ~~gangs~~ ^{gangs} in all 24 Men, had made large fires on the beach & were cooking their Sappan & next days feed. The fires were within two steps of our Tent door, our Tea Kettle on the fire also & perhaps a frying pan.

When suddenly we saw the fires all scattered about the Sappan all gone away & the Men flying about.

I started out of the Tent not one followed. I explained what the Devil is all this. I saw the shaping fellows all in Tum, while they said you curse our names, (which was all true), I got the time I dealt a blow to one he jumped over the fire & got instantly disappeared but I saw no more of them

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The fact I think was, that they thought
our party to be common Boat men
but when they saw what we were
they cleared off. They were
undoubtedly gentlemen - we
started before day to avoid any
hazard being forced upon us

Mr. McGillivray's crew
were choice Eskimoes from the
Village of Cutchawaga & St. John's
our crew Canadians, - Mr. Why?
were well fresh, our crew fatigued

It was usual in such cases
to push the one crew to keep a
lead of the other - I lead the bank
The Eskimoes' Boat as follows on
starting - I told my men to take
it easy & push when I told them
It came near ten o'clock when I
saw the Eskimoes' men flagging - & then
said now my men, push on
we about an hour we were just
a lead & led on to the mouth when
we got left day at noon - our

our first night we encamped at
 the place I am now writing Gray's
 Creek. In those days there was
 thought of the arrival of Mr. McLane
 at Montreal, then now at the arrival
 of half doz Steamers & those of
 the N. West had been, then few
 of the fur-trade & his debts. I know
 then if the Post of the U. S. was
 to land I feared the tent at
 Montreal

— 1816 —

I had purchased Gray's Creek
 at the instigation of Bishop Mc Donnell
 & in Spring left Montreal to
 take possession, I was a stranger
 I put up at Mr. Colquhoun's
 Hotel attending when I boarded
 a couple then the winter I had
 a cottage to go to

Since then I am sure
 I say they well know

John Mc Donald
 26th March
 1859 -

I Have thus My dear Beloved
written you this brief sketch
in my 86th year.

It may naturally be
expected that at that age Memory
is gone. If I was to write it over
with some more reflection I could
spin it out to three times the
length. Many incidents occur
to my Memory which I had forgot
as I went along. But often new
recollections.

The whole is a plain
unvarnished tale in plain
& unadorned language. all written
of fact.

I Dates may be wrong, but
that will not alter facts - as
my business was not with others
there is egotism, which I could
not avoid. Your wishes were
what should regard my self

25th March

1859

Your affectionate
Father

D. S.

I was coming down the Taseet River
 from the Rocky Mountains, in
 a high sized canoe we fell in with
 a Grizzly Bear crossing the River, we
 expected no danger we passed up the
 River, He made an effort to get to us
 I raised one of Lin Paws to get hold of
 the canoe, he failed in doing so, He
 escaped us unharmed

I was traveling in the Prairies
 with a few Indian Hunters, we
 encamped, I saw our Hunter on
 his Horse in chase of a Grizzly Bear
 The Bear kept out of the hands
 of wood running round it, turning
 before he met the Hunter, & bounding
 the small Hammock the other way
 The Hunter was round also, I shot
 him the other way, at last he got him,
 I brought the Head which had three
 fresh balls in it, between skin &
 bone, evidently spent balls which
 could not get deeper

My first Spring, in the country at
 Laud'Original Mr. Shea & myself
 with two men went a Duck hunting
 we stopped a short time at a raising
 ground & were ashore - Mr. Shea
 ascended the raising ground & came
 quietly back, seeing a large Grizzly
 Bear a head of us with five Cubs
 on the Bank of the Creek - we put
 our canoe in the water & got a Row
 in order to get a shot from the canoe
 without much danger, however
 she saw us - went into the woods
 one of the Cubs went up a Tree I
 was indulged with a shot & brought
 him down as my first Bear shot.

I'm going up the Cascades
 on the Right of the River on Right
 Banks - following an animal
 foot path. Saw an ant of the Bushes
 & trees something moving, I watched
 it, it was a Red Nosed Bear - more
 dangerous than the Black. Not so
 much so as the Grizzly, the tree &
 I brought him down 17 shot

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followed the Carcass ^{the} as we were going that
year across the Mountains we started
a Bear - I gave chase, & fired from
my Horse but missed, after a half
mile chase, He took to a thicket
of woods I lost him, Mr. McTavish
thought the best part of Calum was
a retreat to the Carcass, & left me
to my fate. It was near dusk when
I got to the Carcass Mr. McTavish being
knocking his Pipe, I will remember
how Bears I suffered by & by -

Going up a gully two or
three days before, Mr. McTavish behind
me I saw some Elk does. I jumped
from my Horse, & shot one - Reloaded
& shot another, then turning to
Mr. McTavish, there is another fire
at him, He did I. but missed - but
we had plenty of meat for the dogs
that it was good sport - but hunting
skilling Buffalo & Deer was too
common to make any remarks
about any such frequent Hunts

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Coming up the Pamlico I went
about to back horses with an
Indian we started a Moose Deer
with her calf. The Indian fired
& missed, he shot & the yell her
calf escaped. we have some what
in need of provisions, on some
trips, passing by a Lake - & at a great
distance a Swan was majestically
swimming along, I called to the men
look here, fired & shot the young
bird - broke his neck - as to the
Duck I had the Swiftest Horn,
I never gain share but I killed
a fat one - A Bull turned
upon me once I suddenly that
I nearly fell upon his horns
In winter on foot approaching
in the snow, crawling on our
bellies I killed five out of the
same herd -

In approaching over with
my guide David - we saw a young
Bull looking fiercely upon us

And as they sometimes did me
 saw he intended to be at us. Dan
 said He will be at us. Then I said
 we had no alternative but to wait
 his attack, & as he comes upon us
 we must try & bring him down, the
 Prairie was as level as the sheet,
 he was to come he would I was to
 upon one of us. He came on
 thought better, some years before
 one Jack made to Mr. Demers
 McIlwainy. Tossed him & ripped
 open his jacket behind. nearly
 finished him. another time I
 gave chase & knocked down a
 good Cow. came off my Horse &
 took his tongue out & was sitting
 upon him. raising the skin. my
 Horse standing by, when she got off
 knocked me off her, I had to dismount
 my Horse & finish her, she had
 only been thrown. my first shot
 common regular hunting without
 any thing uncommon was common
 nothing remarkable.

Copy of a Letter rec^d. yesterday from
 Sir George Simpson - Lachene
 21st April 1859

Hudsons Bay House
 Lachene 21st Apr. 59

My Dear Sir

I had not the pleasure
 of your personal acquaintance
 in the North West, but you were
 well known to me by reputation
 as one of the leading men of your
 day. Your general popularity was
 of itself evidence of many good qualities
 which I need not at present specify
 but I may notice, as prominent
 points, in your character, your
 influence over the Indians both
 by your kindness & firmness, the
 admirable discipline & maintenance
 among the servants under your command
 your knowledge of the arts most useful
 in the Indian country, your depth
 as a Canadian man & as a Huron man

Mr. Horner, your courage & enterprise, in short, according to the reports I have heard, you possessed in a high degree, & the qualifications most usefull in the career you had selected.

I regretted I have not time to go into further details of what I know of your past useful & active life, but I trust this testimony to your many good qualities may be acceptable to your Sons

Believe Me

My Dear Son

Yours very truly
George Horner

John McDonald Esq^r
Grays Creek

A true copy
J. W. W.

Mary

Having in edicts not mentioned
 in this hypothetical sketch. was
 required before I gained all
 the ground Sir George allows me
 in regard to Indians & Traders
 even many falls from it was but
 by me I became an expert & after
 business - many trials before
 I gained the confidence of the
 men of the Regent & some of the Indians
 as well as in the fear they led me
 (How was this done I may now
 speak without boasting) by steady
 personal courage - I had the best
 the ^{most} hortolent set of men - let the
 world follow with confidence when
 I led - certain that I would always
 be in front & never leave them in
 the Lurch beside they had confidence
 in my management & in my doing
 there be injustice in word or acts

It is no laughing I have done, & it is no
 other would I have done & perhaps with
 not have done - often have been the more I did
 the more, the more I did, as was true
 if the thing was fact -

I Sir George Simpson being
 Governor of the Hudson's Bay territory
 always appeared to the best of
 the Hon. Mr. W. C. R. had a fair
 & extensive knowledge of that country,
 more or less, & must be a
 competent Judge, & worthy of belief
 you know yourself well enough that
 we were kindly received when we first
 came a Visit at La Chine, both by
 yourself & Lady Simpson, you may
 remember how telling me, that the
 Governor had known, & knew, that I
 was an stranger to him, you know
 she had been in the N. West with
 Sir George, you know how familiar
 we were at once as if old friends
 I. S. S.

