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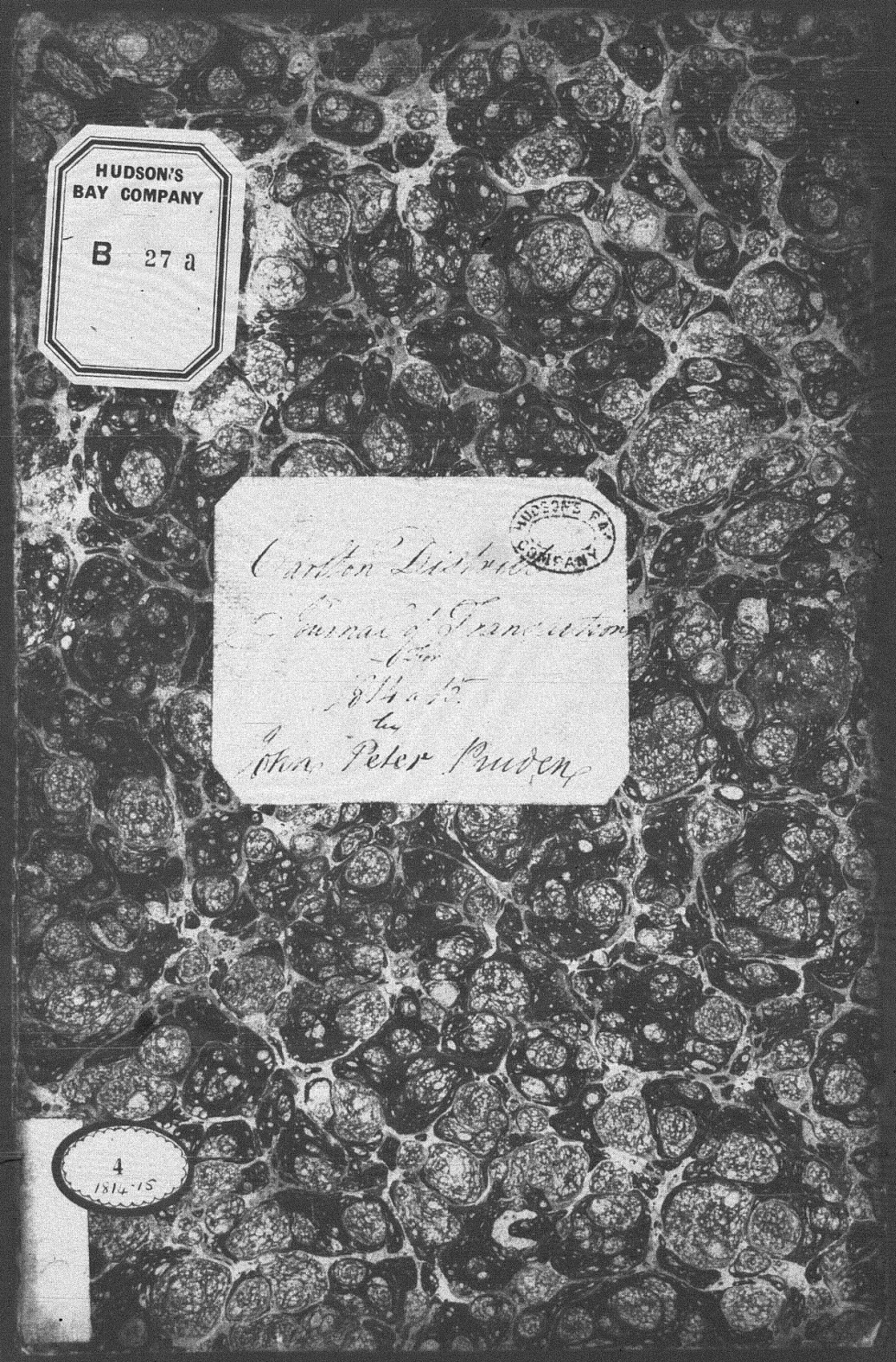
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Carlton District

Journal of Transactions by J. D. Pruden

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1814 Nov 1 Tuesday Wind Variable Cloudy Weather, the small Ponds of water in the Meadows froze over last night.

Men employed, James Sanderson Junior & John Tate bringing home Hay; James Sanderson Senior & one Man putting 26 Bushels of Barley in sack for making Malt, John Monie & Thomas Peterson and Mastering Barley James Spence Taylor employed at his Business John Flett making Heads for small Kegs & Richard Cunningham doing odd Jobs about the House.

Three young Men half breed Canadians, arrived at the Canadian House, they came from near the Pool River, Dont know what they brought.—

Mr Caswell with four Men in a small Boat arrived at this Place 26 Ultimo with the Packet from England and on the 28th continued his Journey by Land with 4 Men and 15 Horses to carry themselves & baggage to Paint Creek.—

Two Indians employed as Hunters for the House & James Slater living with them to bring what Meat they killed to the House.— Adam Mowatt Keeping Horses About 18 Miles North of the House.

Produce of About 4 Acres of Cultivated Land, that is Exclusive of what has been used since the 20th of August.

Quiz Potatoes	Bus 334	Oats	Bus 6½
" Turnips	" 45	Cabbages	No 2000
" Barley	" 66	besides some other small Vegetables.	

2 Wednesday Light wind Mo Cloudy Weather inclining to Snow. Men employed 2 fetching Hay 2 Men cutting fire Wood Taylor at his business the others Carelessly employed About the House.

Altho it is your Honors wish to mention the Mens Names and particularize every particular that may occur but should I do this it would swell out the Journal so much that my reading paper would be all expended by Christmas having only

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only recieved 3 Quires of writing paper & two Blank Books of 96 Pages each which will not be half sufficient to finish the Accounts in the new mode now sent. I shall therefore only mention the Mens names hereafter in any Particular Circumstance that may occure.—

This day a Sixth Indian young Man arrived from the long Point of Woods across Smith Russick River, brought a few Musquash, two Men came with him who went to the M.Co.y House with about 200 Musquash. they bring the News of that part of the Country being burnt all around where they are Tenting which makes bad Appearance of getting much Dried Provisions. they were 3 Days coming to the Houses, they came for supply of Amunition & Tobacco &c.—

Late in the Evening 2 Slave Indian young Men arrived also, one to each House, they came from the Eagle Hill creek; and were 2 days coming, its about 60 Miles distant, they came for a supply of Amunition but brought nothing with them to Trade— they say there are no Buffalo where they came from except a few Bulls which are considered very bad living on.

3 Thursday a fine clear day with a light Breeze from the Sth. The Indians that arrived yesterday got their little supplies & returned to their Tents.

Men employed much the same as Yesterday.
The Man Tenting with the Hunters arrived with one of the Hunters brought the Meat of 1 Moose Deer & 1 Red Deer.

4 Friday A very fine morning wind SE about noon began to blow a fresh Gale from West with flying clouds and in the evening the wind shifted to the North with a Shower of Snow.

This day a little Ice driving in the River; it begins to freeze hard every night.

The Man who brought Meat yesterday with one of the Hunters returned to their Tents which is About 25 Miles Distant.— Men employed cutting fire wood & bringing home Hay &c. Sent 3 Young Men half breeds who have been brought up at the Houses to try and kill a Buck for his hide to mocasins &c. at the same time to endeavour to kill a few Musquash.

Novr 5th Saturday Wind Variable at times a Strong Gale part clear & part Cloudy with light showers of Snow.

Men employed cutting fire Wood & Cleaning about the Fort. Adam Mowatt came home for Provisions & brought a few Musquash he had killed himself.

This day took the Barley out of sacks that was put in water on the 1st Instant for making Malt. The Nights are cold & strong Ice driving in the rivers.

6th Sunday, Wind SE part clear & part cloudy Weather with particles of snow falling, this as been the coldest day we have had this season.— The young Men that went on Saturday the 3rd last returned without taking even any Buffs they brought 2 Wild Geese. The Birds of Passage are mostly all away from us.—

7th Monday a light Breez SE part clear & part cloudy Weather
Men employed cutting fire wood & fetching Hay
Sent off the young Man that arrived yesterday to Hill Musquash and to take care of Horses instead of Adam Mowatt who remains home to cut fire wood.

A Canoe belonging the M.Co.y with 2 Men & 1 family arrived to day from the Upper Settlements by which I received 36 Looking Glasses & 100 Flints from Edmonton District.— Ice driving in the River much the same as before.— The Navigation keeps open the latest it has done these five Years past.—

8th Tuesday Wind E cloudy Weather in the afternoon it fell about 1 Inch of Snow, the first that as laid on the ground this Season
Men employed cutting fire Wood, Taylor making Clothes for the Hunters.— The Man from the Hunters Tent arrived, brought the Meat of 3 Moose Deer & 1 Jumping Deer.

9th Wednesday a fresh Breez N.E.W. Cloudy Weather
The Men that came home with Meat yesterday returned with John Merriman with him to assist in bringing home Meat.—
Men employed cutting fire Wood, fetching Hay & putting Snow out of the Yard.— Taylor employed at his business.— 2 Men Indians arrived come to the M.Co.y House

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Nov[r] 10[th] Thursday Wind Northerly clear Weather

The Indians that arrived yesterday traded 1lb Musquash & 30lbs of Venison Dried Meat and returned to their Tents which is about 35 Miles Distant Men employed much the same as yesterday.

The River is frozen over in Places but not strong enough to cross on.

11[th] Friday Wind NW Cloudy Weather with a little Snow in the Evening Men employed cutting fire wood, & other small works about the House. — Cattle crossed the river to day on the Ice, but its very weak not more than 3 inch thick in places.

12[th] Saturday Wind Southerly cloudy Weather

Men employed cutting fire wood & cleaning about the House

13[th] Sunday Wind South cloudy mild Weather

This Morning a South Indian arrived came from a little way beyond the Rocky Hill; brought a few Skins which he traded & returned back again.

This Day crossed some Horses on the Ice about 3 Miles above the House

14[th] Monday Wind & Weather as Yesterday

Sent Adam Monkman away with the Horses that were crossed yesterday; and to bring them home. The rest of the Men employed making a road thro' where the fire wood is cut; to be ready to begin hauling it home as soon as we have a sufficiency of Snow on the ground for that purpose. its ½ of a mile distant from the House. — No fresh Meat in the House to Day.

15[th] Tuesday Calm rimey Weather

Men employed making a Kilnow for drying Malt on the two Men from the Hunters Tent arrived with 920 lbs of Meat 7 Horses carrying it[s] — the three young Men that went off on

Nov[r] on the 7[th] Inst[t] came home; also Adam Monkman that was sent for Horses Yesterday.

In the evening two young Men South[n] Indians arrived from the little Hill across South Branch River

16[th] Wednesday — A Strong Gale NW with snow till 2 o'Clock P.M. when it clear'd off. — The Dog being bad the Men who brought home Meat Yesterday remained at the House.

Men employed getting their Sleds, and Dog harness ready. The two Indians that arrived yesterday returned to their Tents; sent 1 fathom of Tobacco by them to be shared among the Indians they came from that Trades at this House.

17[th] Thursday Wind W Clear fine sharp day

Sent off 6 Men with Sleds & Dogs to the Hunting Tent to fetch some Meat that remained there when the Men came home with the last Meat: there is not a sufficiency of Snow for Sleds to run yet, but our Horses being so Lean Obliges me to send Dogs & Sleds; — The two Men who are living with the Hunters returned to the Tents.

Two Men employed finishing the Kilnow.

Thomas Sutherland having had the Misfortune to Strain his Leg in the Summer; which is not yet sufficiently well, to travel and do the same duty as his fellow Servants, I have employed him to bring home the Fire wood for the Winter & attend the Stable.

18[th] Friday Wind Easterly, the Morning clear; in the afternoon Overcast with a Light shower of Snow. —

Men at home employed putting in new Windows & trimming about doors to keep the Cold out.

19[th] Saturday Wind NW Clear fine Weather

Men employed washing & cleaning about the Houses In the afternoon 11 Stone Indians arrived 6 to the NW[o] House & 3 to this House; they came from a little way beyond the Spedding River and Slept 3 Nights on their way here; they when Sent by some of the 6 Men at the Camp for a bit of Tobacco without bringing any

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thing to purchase it with.

Left in the Evening one of the Indt Boats belonging the House hills — Buffalo Skull about 4 Miles distant from the House, but did not cut it up sent off 2 Men at 9 Oclock P.M. to cut and lay up the Meat of the Bull and they returned in the course of the night

20th Sunday Wind NW with Snow

The Men that went for Meat on Thursday last arrived brought 997 lbs of Red Deer Meat

Sent Robt Sanderson with a Horse & small waggon for the Meat & Hide of the Bull that was killed last evening and he returned in the course of the day with 885 lbs of Meat and the Hide, it being very bad Meat & somewhat spoiled by laying too long before it was cut up, it is put by for Dogs Meat.

21 Monday Wind NE cloudy Weather but sharp.

Sent 3 Men for Meat at the Hunting Tent — the rest employed in preparing things to go and settle a House at the above woods in case the Mr. Mr. said there which they informed me was their intention it is about 36 Miles Distant due South from this Place.

The three Indian young Men that arrived the 19th Inst got a supply of Tobacco & also returned to their Tents with 9 pieces of Tobacco each 18 Inches long

2 South.d Indians arrived one to each House they brought a few Musquash.

A Flock of Wild Geese flew past here to day to the Southward

22d Tuesday Wind NE blows hard cloudy Weather with a little Snow falling at times.

Men employed as Yesterday

Four South.d Indians arrived at this House & a Freeman & 2 half Breeds at the Mr. Mr. House, the former came from the Springs, the latter from below the Mouth of South. Branch River.

Nov.r 23d Wednesday Wind NW Cloudy Weather

The Men that went for Meat on Monday came home about day break this Morning having travelled in the Night brought with them 480 lbs of Meat

The rest of the Men employed as before

The Indians that arrived yesterday took Debt but did not go away In the afternoon another Band of Southern Indians arrived from the little Hill, East across South Branch River 19 Men and a part of their families with them 9 of which came to this House & 10 to the Mr. Mr. House — 2 Canadians sett off for Swan River with Letters

24th Thursday Wind W part Clear & part Cloudy Weather

Men employed as before

Trading with & given Debts to Indians all day

The Indians that arrived the 22d Inst returned to their Tents

25th Friday Wind Northerly cloudy Weather quite mild

Men employed, one making a wheel Barrow, one Man making a Box to hold the Assortment of Trading Goods, one Man making Tugs, Taylor employed at his business, the others getting home fire wood

The Indians that arrived on Wednesday last returned to their Tents

In the Evening two young Men Southern Indians arrived from a days march beyond the above woods. They came to get a Supply of Ammunition Tobacco &c. for their Father, they say the Nation of Buffalo being very numerous when they are Tenting which is three days South from this place; the camp they came from consists of 40 Tents of Stone Indians & 6 Tents of Southern Indians fetched them out to be ready to start on their return early next March

26th Saturday a light air from the NW. Clear fine Weather

The two young Men that arrived yesterday returned

Men employed much the same as Yesterday & cleaning the Goods

Sent by the young Men that went of to day 2 fathoms of Tobacco to be divided amongst the Indians at the camp that trades at this House

Late in the Evening a band of Southern Indians arrived gotten to the House 13 & the Mr. Mr. House; they came from the Bird Hill,

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Nov.r and they slept 2 Nights on their way, distant about 50 Miles

27th Sunday Wind Northerly part clear & part Cloudy Weather
Indians that arrived last Evening Trading and taken Debt
and a part of them went away — They traded with us 800 Musqus
and a few other trifling Furs

28th Monday Wind N.E. Cloudy Weather
The Remainder of the Indians went away
Men employed tying up some Furs, & getting home some fire
Wood for themselves

29th Tuesday Wind N.E. Cloudy Weather Evening hard with thick
Snowy it fell. at this time about 3 Inches of snow which makes it
very good hauling for Sleds to travel. —
Sent off 5 Men with Dogs & Sleds to the Hunting Tent for
Meat; the rest employed bringing home fire Wood.

30th Wednesday a fresh Gale NW Clear sharp Weather
Men at home employed bringing home fire Wood & scraping
Snow out of the yard.
In the Evening 6 Stone Indians arrived 2 to
this House & 4 to the NW Co House, brought nothing with them,
they came from the Southernmost end of the Eagle Hill

Dec.r 1 Thursday Wind West clear cold Weather
The Men that went for Meat on Tuesday returned brought
766 lb of Meat, one of the Hunters came home with them having broke
his Gun.
The Men at the House employed nearly the same as
before. — The Stone Indians that arrived yesterday got a little
supplies & went away.

2 Friday Wind SW clear fine cold Weather
Men employed, some looking for Horses to go in search of Buffalo
with, others preparing Sleds &c. to go a Trip on Buffalo Hunting
In the Evening they came home with the Horses they went for.

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December In the Afternoon James Whitford Junr & John Ashburn arrived on Horseback from Paint Creek with Letters from Mr Bird and a few Articles I had requested from him by the last conveyance that went from this

3 Saturday Wind SE cloudy Weather inclining to Snow, blows hard.
Sent off 6 Men with 6 Horses & Sleds, and 6 Sleds & Dogs
4 Dogs for Sled, with one of the Hunters of the House to go in search of
Buffalo, upwards between the Rivers, if not to come back till such times
they get their Loading should they go over so far for it, but I expect they
will find Buffalo at the Dogs nearer from this; by the accounts
we hear from Indians.
A Southern Indian arrived from the Woody Hill early
this Morning he has been two nights on his way brought me a Bear
carrying some Dried Provision the few Furs he had he left behind at
his Tent.

4th Sunday a Calm fine mild day a very sudden change, from
very cold Weather to warm since Friday last. I should suppose the
Thermometer must have rose from 16 to 51 Degrees. —
The Indians that arrived yesterday went away and about 7 Clock
P.M. 7 others with some Women arrived 5 to this House & 2 to the NW Co
House, they came from the Woody Hill & have been 2 Days coming as
they brought with them some Beaver & other Furs

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5th Monday a light Wind SW clear fine Weather
Indians that arrived yesterday still at the House; Selling them out
to go away. — The Men at Home variously employed

6th Tuesday Wind & Weather as Yesterday
The Indians that arrived on Sunday went away, also John
Ashburn & James Whitford who arrived here from Paint Creek set
off to go back again with Letters 1½ Rolls of Tobacco & 2 Dozen of Yarn Gloves. — Men at home employed as before.

7th Wednesday Wind and Weather much the same as Yesterday
Sent off 2 Men to look for & bring home 2 Buck Faces for making the
Ropes for Tripping with in case they may be required — Taylor employed
sewing Clothes. John Hall making Rugs & Thos Patterson hauling wood.

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December The two Men that went for Birch wood in the Morning returned late in the Evening without finding any fit for the Purpose

8th Thursday Wind Variable cloudy Weather with a little Snow falling at times. — Men employed as Yesterday.
Got 1 Birch Tree from fit for making Sleds.

9th Friday a light Wind & clear fine Weather.
Men at the House Variously employed.
In the Evening 4 of the Men with 4 Horse Sleds & 4 dogs Sleds, a part of those that went on a Hunting party the 3 Inst. arrived, brought with them the Meat of 6 Buffalo weighing 2419 lbs & 6 Buffalo Hides; the other 2 Men that went with them with the Hunters, remained to kill an Stage more they had killed 17 Buffalo since they have been off, 9 of which remains on the Stage. — The Buffalo are numerous about the Elbow of the River which is about 40 Miles distant but they say they are just newly come there

10th Saturday Wind S.W. clear fine Weather
The Men that came home with Meat last night resting themselves. — Sent off James Spence in search of any other Hunter who is Hunting about the Woody Hill, & to bring him & the other Hunters Family to the House, that I may send them up to where the Buffalo are.
Sent Adam Mowatt & a young Lad who is staying at the House, with ammunition to the Hunter at the Elbow, & to bring back a load of Meat, they take 2 days going to where the Meat is killed & 2 Days coming back.
In the Evening James Slater who is living with the Hunter at the Woody Hill, came to the House, to inform one of them being sick Red Deer at the Tent to bring home.

11th Sunday Wind N.W. clear fine Weather
Sent off 4 Men with Horses & Dogs to fetch Buffalo Meat from the Elbow. — James Slater returned to the Hunters Tent and is

December to bring home the Meat that is there with the Horses he has at the Tent. — In the Afternoon 4 Stone Indians young Men arrived at the NWCo House, 2 of which came over & asked for 4 pieces of Tobacco for Indians at the camp which they got: they came from the Eagle Hill Creek where they have a Pound for the Buffalo and have drove them in 4 times, they say the Buffalo are very numerous

12th Monday Wind & Weather as Yesterday
Men at from home
James Spence who went in search of the Hunter returned brought with him the Meat of 1½ Red Deer the Hunter also arrived later in the Evening. — Two Southern Indians arrived at the NWCo House they came from the Touchwood Hill with Messages to other Indians concerning War proceedings for next Summer.

13th Tuesday a very fine clear calm Day
Early this Morning the Hunter that arrived yesterday went off to join the other Hunter at the Elbow of the River. — In the Afternoon the Hunters families & Tents at the House. James Slater & John Mercuman came home with them & brot the Meat of 3 Red Deer & 1 Jumping Deer. — 4 Indians also arrived from the South Branch River 2 to this House & 2 to the NWCo House they only brought 2 Musquash

14th Wednesday Wind and Weather as Yesterday
The Men that went for Meat on Saturday & Sunday returned & brought with them the Meat of 13½ Buffalo Cows and 8 green Hides the Meat weighed 3879 lbs. — The Indians that arrived yesterday still remain at the House. — John Mowatt & George Sutherson remains with the Hunters to bring Meat out of the Plains to the Tent

15th Thursday Calm Cloudy mild Weather fell 1½ Inch of Snow in the night. — Sent off all the Men to fetch Meat except two who is sawing a Birch Tree for Making Sleds. The Indians that arrived on Tuesday returned to their Tents. — Hunters families still at the House

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December 16th Friday Wind NW blows hard with showers of snow at times the Hunters families Pitched away to day to join the Hunters Two Men fetching Bired the rest away for Meat except James Sandison Swan who is brewing Beer for Christmas.

17 Saturday a fresh Breeze NW Clear fine Weather
Two of the Men that went for Meat on Thursday returned brought the Meat of 9 Buffalo, and 6 Hides Weight of Meat 2919 lbs the other 2 Men that went with them remains at the Tent till such time the Hunters kills wherewith to load them. —
Men at the House repairing Chimneys & Floors.

18 Sunday Wind West Clear fine Weather

19 Monday Wind as Yesterday remarkable fine day
Men at home Variously employed.

20th Tuesday Wind & Weather as Yesterday
Two Men employed sawing Board for Sleds, the Others Doing Different Jobs About the House
Two Men came home with the Meat of 5 Buffalo & 5 Hides weight of Meat 1368 lbs
In the afternoon 9 Stone Indians arrived, 2 to this House & 6 to the NWCo House, a part of them came from the Eagle Hill Creek & part of them from the Elbow of the River.

21st Wednesday a Strong Breeze Westerly clear fine mild Weather
Sent off 3 Men with Dogs & Sleds for Meat. 2 Men sawing Taylor making Clothes. — The Stone Indians that arrived yesterday went away, sent by them 3 lb of Tobacco to divide among the Stone Indians at their Camp.

Decr 22d Thursday Wind S.W. fair Clear & fair Cloudy Weather with a Shower of Snow
Sent two Men to the Hunters Tent to fetch Meat, 2 others arrived with Meat brought 2 Buffalo Weight 500 lbs & 1 Hide
Five Southern Indians arrived from Shell River brought nothing with them, they came for Red Deers and that little Coffee

23d Friday light airs from the S. Clear fine Weather
The Indians that arrived yesterday went away
The 2 Men that came home with Meat yesterday are unwell & not able to go for Meat. A part of the Men that went off on Wednesday & the two that went off yesterday came home brought the Meat of 5 Buffalo Wt 1230 lbs & 5 Hides

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24th Saturday Wind NW Weather Colder than yesterday
Tomorrow being Christmas Day dont send the Men away from the House but are employed Cleaning & sweeping about the House also turning 2 Sleds. — One Man that was staying with the Hunters came home brought the Meat of 1 Buffalo Wt 302 lbs

25th Sunday Calm clear fine day.
This being Christmas day gave the people at the House a Glass of Rum in the Morning
The two NWCo Men who went to Swan River last Month returned by whom I received 2 Letters from the Gentlemen in that Quarter

26th Monday a light air SE Clear fine Weather
Yesterday being Sunday, kept Christmas to day & gave the Men a treat of Rum & a Dance in the Evening
Three Southern Indians arrived from the Bloody Berry Lake brought a few Skins & some Provisions, 4 others came to this House from South Branch River & 5 to the NWCo House they brought a few Furs

Dec 27th Tuesday Wind and Weather as Yesterday

Part of the Indians that arrived yesterday went away Men unemployed.

28th Wednesday Wind & Weather as before

The remainder of the Indians that arrived on Monday went away.

Sent off 6 Men with 3 Horse Sleds & 8 Dog Sleds for Meat. — In the afternoon a large band of Stone Indians arrived 37 Men to this House and about the same number to the NW Fy House. but those that went there seemed to be little loaded than those that came here they came from the Sandy Ground above the Elbow of this River; they bring the account of the Buffalo being very numerous and that they had already got 700 in the Pounds at this present time there is very appearance of Provitions being plentifull. the Stone Indians seem more inclined to trade with us than ever I knew them before. and on which account I gave them a good treat of Rum.

29th Thursday Calm clear fine warm Weather, the Yard is all cut by the Melting of the Snow from the Tops of the Houses

Very busy all day trading with the Stone Indians till about 4 O Clock when we finished with them, and a few of them went away, but the rest remains till tomorrow

Traded from this band 1303 lbs of Pounded Meat & 907 lbs of Fatt besides a few other Trifles

One Southern Indian young Man arrived from Moose-win. me[ss]e. slept one Night on his way came to get a little Debt brought 20 Musquash with him.

The Men that went for Meat yesterday arrived brought the Meat of 10 Buffalo Wt 3132 lbs some Inside Fatt & 12 Hides

Dec 30th Friday Wind S part clear and part cloudy not so warm as yesterday. — 2 Southern Indians & their families arrived at the NW Fy House. — Sent off 6 Men with one Horse Sled & 5 Dog Sleds for Meat & 1 to Cook for Horses

The Men at home slacking by our Loads of yesterday. — the remainder of the Stone Indians went away.

31st Saturday Wind NW Clear fine Weather

The Men that went for Meat yesterday returned, brought the Meat of 6 Buffalo Wt 2193 lbs & Hides & some inside Fatt

The Men who were Trading with the Hunters, also the Hunters and some other Indians came to the House to spend New Years Day.—

1815 Jan[y] 1st Sunday Wind S[o] clear fine Weather

Being New Years day gave all the Men & Indians a Glass of Rum in the Morning;

Three Indians & their families arrived to this House they came from a little on this side of Hudson's House on the North side of the River, they say they have Sold a good many Musquash and a few other Peltries. they intend to remain at the House till New Years Holidays are over.

2d Monday Wind S[o] clear fine Weather rather colder than yesterday

Yesterday being Sunday Night New Years Day, as to day.

3 Tuesday Wind Easterly Cloudy Weather & sharp inclining to Snow. — To Day; the Indians that arrived on Sunday Paid their Debts & I gave them a treat of Rum. also the Hunters got a treat of Rum. Men being rather out of order after their Dancing & keeping New Years Day. when not employed to any Duty to day.

4 Wednesday Wind S clear sharp Weather

Men employed cutting Ice out of the River to make an Ice House off. — Indians that arrived on Sunday went away.

Jan'y

A Slave Indian young Man arrived from the Moose Woods, also another to the Mil'd House from the same places, he came for a piece of Tobacco for one of the old Men at the camp, which he got and returned on the morning; they slept two nights on their way in Measured the thickness of Ice in the River & find it to be 17 Inches thick. A Buffalo Bull was killed about 120 Yards from the House.

5th Thursday Wind Easterly Cloudy Weather in the afternoon it began to Snow, cold Weather.

The Hunters & 3 Men went to their Tents.

Men at the House employed Mending the Ice House.

6th Friday Wind Northerly cloudy Weather

Two Men employed at the Ice House, 2 Men preparing themselves to go to Cumberland House; the others hauling fire wood for themselves. — Late at night 2 Southern Indians arrived they came from the Little Hill East.

7th Saturday Wind North with thick snow all day

The Weather is too bad for the 2 Men to start for Cumberland.

Men at the House variously employed indoors.

The Indians that arrived last night went away this Morning they came to pay their Debts. — About 3 Inches of Snow fell this day

8th Sunday Wind S. Clear sharp Weather

James Spence & James Sanderson Jun'r start early this Morning for Cumberland House.

Men at the House variously employed indoors

This day discovered the Tracks of 3 Indians lurking about the House to steal Horses.

In the Evening 2 Slave Indians arrived one at each House, they came for a bit of Tobacco for some of the old Men at the Tents. they came from the Moose Woods & slept

Jan'y

2 Nights coming in: its surprising they should come such a Distance for such a trifle as they seldom get more than a foot of Tobacco cut to a Man which is about ½ of a Pound.

9th Monday Wind NE Cloudy Weather with small snow all day

Two Men employed wheeling Snow out of the Yard the others working at Meat. — The Indians that arrived yesterday went away.

10th Tuesday a fine clear calm day

Sent 3 Men off to the Hunters Tent to fetch Meat also sent Orders for the Hunters to Pitch nearer to the House, as Constantly the Buffalo are coming down towards the House very fast and in great Numbers. There is now about 7 Inches of Snow on the Ground

11th Wednesday Calm clear very sharp Weather

One of the Men that went for Meat yesterday returned, brought the Meat of 3 Buffalo 6t 1064 lb & 6 Hides the other 2 Men remain at the Tent till such times the Hunters kill a Loading for them

12th Thursday Wind Westerly with a little snow in the Morning the afternoon fine.

Men at home working at the Ice House.

13th Friday Wind Variable clear fine Weather

The 2 Men who remained at the Hunting Tent on Wednesday came from brought the Meat of 2 Buffalo 6t 780 lb. Men at home Variously employed.

14th Saturday Calm cloudy Weather fell two Inches of Snow last Night

Sent 2 Men to the Hunting Tent to fetch Meat & Hides

Men at Home wheeling snow out of the Yard &c.

A Southern Indian Lad came to the House, his father sent him for some Meat they being starving gave him about 10 lb of Meat to go back with they are Tenting about 12 Miles from the House.

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Jan.y on the North side of the River below; — also another Indian who is Tenting Opposite this place on the North side, came for Meat to eat also, brought a few Skins quarch 2 or 3 Otters Skins — got a little Meat and returned to his Tent where he said he left his family crying for something to eat.

Here is now about 9 Inches Depth of snow upon the Ground

15th Sunday Wind Northerly cloudy Weather with thick Snow all Day, fell about 4 Inches of Snow at this time

16th Monday Calm cloudy Weather but mild
Men at home employed putting the Snow out of the yard.

17th Tuesday Calm Weather with a very thick Fog
Sent two Men away to the Hunting Tent for a Load of Meat
One of the Men that went for Meat on Saturday came home brought the Meat of a Buffalo Wt 295 lb & Hide, the Man that went with him remains at the Tent to assist bringing Meat out of the Plains to the Horse Tent

18th Wednesday Weather much the Same as Yesterday
Sent 2 Men to the Hunting Tent for Meat —
Men at home working at Sleds

19th Thursday Wind S.y clear fine Weather
Men at home employed as Yesterday

20th Friday Wind Variable part clear & part Cloudy Weather
Men at home employed as before
Eight Men came home from the Hunters Tent brought the Meat of 8 Buffalo Wt 2763 lb also 6 Hides. The Meat of 27 more Buffalo remains to bring home

Jan.y 21st Saturday A fresh Breeze Southerly clear fine Weather
Sent 2 Men to look for & bring home Horses to haul home Meat the beginning of next week; Also sent 3 Men to the Hunters Tent for Meat & which returned in the Evening with the Meat of 2 Buffalo Wt 635 lb the other Man remained at the Tent

Two Stone Indians and 4 Women with them arrived, they came from the Moose Wood brought a little Provisions they were 7 Nights on their way owing to its being very bad walking thro the Snow — These Southern Indians also came to the NW.y House & to this House, they came from the South Branch River, & left this place — The Indian that came to this House brought nothing with him, he came to get a Horse, but had none to spare Lent him an Old Gun to enable him to make some Provisions
Men at home employed sawing Sleds.

22 Sunday Wind NW Clear fine Mild Weather
The Indians that arrived yesterday traded and went away

23 Monday Wind NW Clear fine Mild Weather.
Sent off 6 Men with 4 Horse Sleds & 6 Dogs Sleds to the Hunters Tent for Meat

Put in the Ice House 135 Buffalo Thighs Wt 6,353 pounds.
This Day measured the Thickness of Ice in the River which is 27 Inches thick, only 2 Inches of which is above the Water, which is nearly 13 Inches below the Water for one above.

24th Tuesday Calm clear fine warm Weather more like a Summer Day than otherwise
A part of the Men that went for Meat yesterday returned brought the Meat of 15 Buffalo Wt 1,536 lb & 7 Hides
Three Freemen (Canadians) arrived at the NW.y House they came from beyond the Hunting Lake

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Janry 25th Wednesday Wind NE Cloudy Weather with a little snow falling
Three Men came from the Hunting Tent brought with them the
Meat of 6 Buffalo Wt 2066 lb & 5 Hides.
Two Southn Indian Boys arrived from the Duck Lake
Sent 3 Men to the Hunting Tent to fetch Meat

26th Thursday Wind North fast Clear & part Cloudy Weather
with a Strong Gale and much Drift
Men could not go for Meat on Account of the badness of the Wr

27th Friday a light Breze SE Clear fine Weather
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The Men that went for Meat on Wednesday came home
at 11 Clock last night brought the Meat of 2½ Buffalo Wt 2734 lb
& 3 Hides
Sent off 3 more Men this Morning to the Hunting Tent
to fetch what Meat remains there. 2 part of them returned in
the afternoon & brought the Meat of 4½ Buffalo Wt 1496 lb &
3 Hides
Late in the Evening a band of Stone Indians arrived
with Provisions 14 Men to this House & about 20 to the NWCo
House, they came from the Swan Ground a little above the
Elbow of the River.

28th Saturday Wind North clear cold Weather
Trading all day with the Stone Indians that arrived yesterday
and about Sun set they set off to go back to their Tents
Traded from them 699 lb of Fat & 890 lb of Pounded dried Meat
One Man that did not come home with the rest that went for
Meat yesterday with 2 Sleds loaded with inside Fat. Tongues
& Hides. Men employed attending the Trade with the Indians

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Janry 29th Sunday Wind SE Clear very sharp Weather
Alexr MacVicar & Robert Garriock with one of the NWCo Men in
Company, arrived at this Place from Cumberland House with Letters
Six Southn Indians also arrived at this House & 3 to
the NWCo House, they came from the Swan Hill, brought a few Furs
also got News by them of some of my Indians who have not been at
the House since last July.
John Hourie arrived from the Hunting Tent about midnight
brought 290 lb of Meat

30th Monday Wind NW cloudy Weather
Sent 3 Men to the Hunters Tent to make Dried Meat also one Man
to bring home a Load of Inside Fat which remained there.
An Old Indian that was Hunting with the Hunters arrived
and some Women with him, brought his wife who was very near Dead
when he left the Tent. She expired on the way to the House

31st Tuesday Wind NE cloudy Weather somewhat milder than it
has been these two Days past.
The Men who went to the Hunters Tent for a Load of Inside
Fat returned. — Two Men employed making a little square Plaw
with wood to bury the Old woman in who died yesterday
Two Indians Viz^t George Sutherland and Long Legs,
arrived to day brought a good Trade they have not been at the House
since July last they came from the South Branch nearly opposite
the Burnt Hill, also 3 Indians arrived from the same Place to the
NWCo House.
Fourteen Stone Indians arrived with Provisions to
this House & 10 to the NWCo House, they came from the Eagle Hill
Creek seem to have brought a good deal of Provisions, there is 26 Tents
where they came from.
Five Southn Indians also arrived. they came from
the Swan Hill, and were 3 Nights on their way brought a few Furs
& a little Provisions.
Two others also arrived from Opposite the Springs
near the Banks of this River they came to get a little Supplies

Jan'y 27 There is 2 Tents of Indians when they came from & have made a Buffalo Pound but have got nothing into it as yet, the Buffalo are numerous about them

The Indians that arrived the 29th returned to their Tents

February 1 Wednesday Wind NE Cloudy Weather
The Slave Indians that arrived yesterday traded & went away
Men at home bringing home fire wood and attending Indians at the Fire

2 Thursday Wind & Weather as Yesterday
Men employed as Yesterday
Indians trading and others taken a little Debt

3 Friday Wind & Weather much the same as before
The Indians that traded yesterday went away, & three young Men with 2 Women arrived at this House & to the Mountain House they came from the Moose Woods & when 4 Nights on their way they brought a few Furs & some Fatt
Men employed tying up Furs & putting by Provisions

4 Saturday Wind S Clear fine Weather
The Indians that arrived yesterday went away
Men employed cleaning about the Houses

5 Sunday Wind NE Clear fine Weather

6th Monday Wind S clear fine Weather
The two Men who left this to go to Cumberland the 9 Ultimo arrived with 1½ Rolls of Tobacco & 2 Doz of yaw handle Knives, they have left 1½ Rolls of Tobacco about 60 Miles from this owing to their Dog being unable to haul any further, Men at home variously employed

7th Tuesday Calm Clear fine warm day
Sent of 2 Men to fetch the 1½ Rolls of Tobacco that was

February left on the way by the Men who came from Cumberland House yesterday
Men at home employed one making a Drum & the other working at small things one Man came by cutting himself with a Hatchet on the back knee.

The Men that came from Cumberland House are much fatigued and require a few Days to rest themselves
One Southern Indian arrived at the NW Fort House

8th Wednesday Wind to very thick Weather, quite mild
The two Men that went for the Tobacco yesterday returned quite late at night
A Southern Indian came to the House brought with him only 5 Tongues

9th Thursday Wind NE weather much the same as yesterday with a few Particles of snow falling
This day put 69 Thighs of Buffalo Meat in the Ice House Weight 3217 lbs. — One Man arrived from the Hunting Tent brought 160 lbs of dried Meat he came home for Ammunition

10th Friday Wind N. a little snow fell in the forenoon
The Men that came from the Hunters Tent yesterday returned
Men at home fetching fire wood for themselves

11 Saturday a Strong Breze NW Clear fine Weather about 3 Inches of snow fell last night
Men employed putting Snow out of the Yard & hauling fire Wood

12th Sunday Wind Northerly clear fine Weather

13th Monday Wind NW Clear fine Weather
Sent John Sut & Robert Gorrock, with Sullen to Hunt Creek also sent James Spence & James Sanderson, to a Stone Indian Camp a little above the Elbow, to Purchase 200 Buffalo Tongues if they have them

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People at home Variously employed

Three young Men Southw.d Indians arrived at the NWCo House, they came from the Buffalo Pound at the River, brought nothing with them, also a half bread arrived from the Brandy Hill, to the NWCo House with some Furs.

14th Tuesday Calm clear fine day

Mr Mac Vicar set off for Cumberland House, with one of the NWCo Men who came up in company with him

Men at the House employed cutting up inside Fat, that came home from the Hunting Tent.

Three Indian young Men arrived from the Little H.d East I came to this House & 2 to the NWCo House, they came for a bit of Tobacco. — Most of those who came yesterday went away

15th Wednesday Wind Northerly cloudy Weather with a little snow falling at times

Men employed Melting down Fat

A Stone Indian arrived came from the Buffalo Pound, that is a little beyond the Elbow. brought a little Provision with him

16th Thursday Calm thick rimey Weather

The Indians that arrived the day before yesterday got a little Tobacco & went away

Men employed Melting down Fatt.

The Stone Indian that arrived yesterday remains at the House till some others come which he expects soon

The two Men Sent to the Stone Indian camp for Tongues on Monday returned without being able to get any, on their way Home they went to the Hunters Tent, and brought a load of Meat home, Weight 470 lbs

A Band of Stone Indians arrived, 6 to this House & 18 to the NWCo House, they came from 2 different Parties and have eight tents with them.

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A Southward Indian also arrived to this House & some them with some Furrs to the NWCo House, they brought some dried Provisions with them; they are Tenting between the River about 15 Miles Distant.

17th Friday Wind N.E in the Morning snowing; in the afternoon Clear & fine. — The Indians that arrived yesterday Traded & went away. — Men employed attending the Indians & putting the Road by.

18th Saturday Wind NW Cloudy Weather with a little snow

Sent off 2 Men to the Hunting Tent to fetch such Meat, as is not fit to cut up to make pounded Meat off. The other Men at the House cleaning the Yard.

This day Weighed the inside Fatt that was last home this the Winter from the Hunting Tent, and melted down at the House, weighed 334 lbs.

19 Sunday Wind Westerly clear fine day

James Whitford Gunn arrived from the Upper Settlements in Company with 4 of the NWCo Men.

The Men that went for Meat yesterday arrived, brought 360 lbs.

20 Monday Wind and Weather much the same as Yesterday

Sent off 6 Men & 5 Sleds to the Hunters Tent to bring home Meat

One of my Hunters fetched to the House having left off Hunting also, a Southw.d Indian arrived, who had almost been Killed by a Grizzel Bear in the Fall & which as prevented him paying his Debt.

21st Tuesday Calm cloudy mild Weather.

The Men that went for Meat yesterday; also one Man from the Hunting Tent came home with Meat &c Weight 670 lbs

Four of the NWCo Men went off for Swan River for Goods & took with them the Northward Express.

February 22 Wednesday Wind S clouday mild Weather
Sent off 6 Men for dried Meat that is at the Hunting Tent
One Man employd mending Chairs the rest at home variously
employed

Sat in the Evening a Southern Indian arrived at
this House brought a little Provisions and 1 Musquash
Two Slave Indians also arrived at the NWCy House with Provision

23d Thursday Calm clear fine day
The Men that went for dried Meat yesterday returned
brought with them 672 lbs. the Indian that came yesterday trades
but does not go away till tomorrow

The NWCy Men that arrived from above the 19th Instant Returned
only the Hunter also settled to the House having left off Hunting
for this Season.

After dark we had a small shower of Rain — Jacquin intoxicated
with Liquor & one of the name Mesnes to wrestle got stabbed with a
Bayonet through his arm & went into his left side the cock in his
arm was about 7 Inches long and very deep that in his side about
3 Inches long. his wife also got her hand cut in covering him
with the same Blow. Cus,coo,guis was the name of the Indian
that stabbed him

24th Friday Wind Southerly clear fine day thawing much —
Sent 7 Men to the Hunting Tent to fetch dried Meat &c
Men at Home variously employed

25th Saturday Wind Southerly part Clear & part cloudy warm Weather
but did not thaw quite so much as Yesterday

The Men that went to the Hunting Tent yesterday came home
brought 497 lbs of dried Meat, 583 lbs of fresh Meat, some Hides & 35 lbs
of Fat. some of the relations of the Indian that was stabbed on the
23 Inst arrived to see him

Feby 26th Sunday Wind and Weather as yesterday
John Hourie & Adam Monvalle who has been staying at the
Hunting Tent since Christmas came home brought with them 44 lbs of Dried
Meat & 25 lbs of Fat with their own things & Tent.

27th Monday Wind from S to W. part clear & part Cloudy Weather thawing
a good deal about the Houses — a band of Slave Indians arrived came
from the cross Woods nearly opposite the Elbow of this River, 9 Men came
to this House & 8 to the NWCy House they appear to have brought very
little with them, A Southern Indian also arrived in Company with them
but came from the Moose Woods. 3 Indians also belonging to the NWCy House
they came from a short distance below the Duck Lake.
Men unemployed on account of being on Duty Sunday 19th Inst.

28th Tuesday Wind NW Cloudy Weather with a few drops of rain, it as
thawed more this day than any of the former days since the 24th Inst.
A band of Slave Indians arrived to this House & 8 Men came to the
NWCy House, they came from the same place as those that came yesterday
Part of the Indians that came yesterday traded & went away
Men employed cutting Ice for making another Ice House

March 1st Wednesday Wind S clear fine Weather thawing much
The Indians that arrived yesterday and part of those that arrived the
2 Day before; went all away.
Traded from the 2 last bands of Indians that arrived 590 lbs
of Pounded Meat & 841 lbs of Fat besides a few Furs.
Men employed bringing up Ice from the River for the Ice House
This day measured the Thickness of Ice in the River which is 25 Inches
Sent Adam Monvalle to fetch a Tent belonging to the Indian that
was Stabbed from the South Branch River.

2d Thursday Wind & Weather as Yesterday
Men employed finishing the Ice House & Pounding the
Dried Meat that was made at the Hunting Tent

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March The Men that went for the Tent yesterday arrived with it
A band of Southern Indians arrived from the South Branch 5 Men
to this House & 10 to the Mth Ry House brought very little with them
A band of Stone Indians also arrived from the creek woods a
little above the Elbow on the South side of this River 5 Men to
this House & 4 to the Mth Ry House, they brought a small quantity
of Provisions.

3d Friday Calm cloudy mild Weather
Men employed Pounding and Drying dried Meat. a part of the
Indians that arrived yesterday went away

4th Saturday Wind SE Cloudy Weather rather colder than the former
Days. — Sent 3 Men to the Pines to bring some Pine Logs
for making small Kegs. the rest of the Men employed pounding
& Dried Meat.
A band of Southern Indians arrived they came from
the Little Hill East, 8 Men to this House & 12 to the Mth Ry House
also band of Stone Indians arrived from above the Elbow; one to
this House & 6 to the Mth Ry House. some Southern Indians also came
in Company with them to the Mth House. the Southern Indians that
arrived are very poor scarcely able to pay any part of their Debts
owing partly to sickness

5th Sunday Wind and Weather as yesterday
A band of Stone Indians arrived they came from the
Stone Woods, 3 to this House & [illegible] to the Mth Ry House, 2 Tents
of Southern Indians also resided to the House
A part of the Stone Indians that arrived yesterday went away

6th Monday Wind SEly clear fine Weather
Men employed pounding dried Meat
Trading with the Indians at the House & some of them went away

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March 7th Tuesday Wind SE blows fresh all day towards evening it blew
a strong Gale and continued so all Night
All the Indians went away; and in the Evening a Stone Indian
arrived came from the South Branch, brought a little Provisions which
he traded & went off immediately

8th Wednesday Wind SE blew Weather thawy much
Men employed Pounding Meat & tying up some Furs.

9th Thursday Wind NW part Clear & part Cloudy Weather felt about one Inch
of Snow in the Morning
Men employed as Yesterday
A small band of Stone Indians arrived 3 Men to this House & 5 Men
to the Mth Ry House. they brought a little Dried Provisions.

10th Friday Wind as Yesterday but rather colder
Men employed as before
A part of the Stone Indians that arrived yesterday went away

11th Saturday Wind SE blew fine day
Men employed in the Morning in finding some Meat by in the Ice
House & the other part of the day pounding beat Meat & cleaning it
This Morning two young Men Southern Indians arrived from the woody
Hill, to the Mth Ry House; they informed me of one of my Traders being
dead lately after being sick only 3 Days. he was a young Man.
The remainder of the Indians that arrived the day before yesterday went
away; also the two young Men that arrived this Morning

13th Sunday Wind NW part Clear & part cloudy Weather rather colder
than Yesterday, the 2 Wives & Children of the deceased Indian came
to the House

13th Monday Wind & Weather as Yesterday
Men employed Pounding Dried Meat

March 14th Tuesday Wind NW fair clear & part Cloudy Weather

Men employed pounding Dried Meat

Some Southern Indians arrived from near the Shell River one Man came to this House who brought a tolerable good Trade from the Southern Indians arrived at this House, they came from the Little Hill South, and when two Nights on their way coming they brought with them a few Moose Skins and a few Trifling Furs

A Stone Indian & a Southern Indian arrived at the NW Coy House with some Provisions, they came from the Stone Indian Pound above the Elbow — they bring the News of a great Number of Horses having been brought to their camp at the Eagle Hill creek which have been stolen from Paint Creek House, they say the Number of Horses brought at two different times amount to 130

15th Wednesday Wind Southerly clear fine day

Five Men employed hanging home Five Wood, the rest busting up Fat & sifting Pounded Meat

Some of the Indians that arrived yesterday went away Two young Men Southern Indians arrived at this House, they came from Rocky berry Lake brought 2 Fox Skins with them to Trade Tobacco.

16th Thursday Wind and Weather as Yesterday

Men employed making Pimaan made 46 Bags of 70 lb & 69 Bags of 80 lb each.

17th Friday Wind NW cloudy Weather a little Snow fell in the Night. — Men employed making Pimaan made 36 Bags of 80 lb & 1 of 40 lb.

Six Stone Indians arrived at the NW Coy House now to this House — The NW Coy Men that went off to Swan River the 21 Ultimo arrived but brought no Letters for me from that Quarter, so that I conclude they are on bad terms with each the

March 18th Saturday Wind NE clear Weather but cold

Sent off 5 Young Men belonging the House to try & kill some Balls for their Wifes to make Line off the rest of the Men at the House variously employed.

19th Sunday Wind and Weather as yesterday

Two of the NW Coy Men set off for Paint Creek with Letters

20th Monday Wind South Clear Weather & the cold

Men employed getting their Pemitehs chop'ped and doing other small Jobs about the House.

Two Southern Indians arrived from the West side, their Tents put up a little short of the House

21st Tuesday Wind West blowing hard all day part clear & part Cloudy Weather

The Cook of the two Indians that arrived Yesterday Pitched to the House.

The 5 Young Men that went on hunting on Saturday came home, brought with them 6 Buffalo Hides and some Meat

John Tate & Robert Garrock that went with Letters to Paint Creek the 18th Ultimo, returned; they saw several Stone Indians on their way down & one party of them cut the Cloths of John Tates Sled & took from him a Pemitah, five Bags Knife a pair of Cloth Trowsers & a Dafsel cap. when they went off with their Property just a little above the Elbow of this River.

These Stone Indians are great Rascals, Peple cannot travel in safety for them. they have played upon us so much what with Stealing our Horses, and any thing else they can get hold off — without any thing be done to them for it, that they are getting worse every Day; & of some Steps be not taking to punish them for their audaciousness, some fine Fellow will get killed by them

Men employed Collecting some fine Wood together

March 22nd Wednesday Wind North part clear and part cloudy Weather smoother milder than it has been for some days past
Men employed collecting fire wood

23d Thursday Wind Southerly clear Weather
Sent 6 Men to the Pines which is about 8 Miles distant to saw some Plank for a flooring & to Collect some Pitch
Men at Home washing the House

24th Friday Wind Westerly clear Weather
Sent one Man with an Indian to work a Beaver House which is about 6 Miles distant from the House, they returned in the Evening without any thing, the Beaver having died in the course of the Winter — Men at home employed Taylor at his business one Man Seeling Barley, one hauling home fire Wood. one Making Kegs & two Men making Boxes

25th Saturday Wind and Weather as Yesterday
Men employed beating Dried Meat & getting Withwes for Hoops for Small Kegs
Five Southern Indians arrived at this House & 2 to the M.Coy House, they came from the Elbow of this River, brought a little Provisions & a few Furs, which they paid part of their Debt with

26th Sunday Wind NW Clear fine Weather

27th Monday Wind and Weather as Yesterday
Men employed getting Withwes for Hoops for Small Kegs
In the Afternoon 3 Southern Indians with their families Arrived brought a few Furs & a little Provisions, they are Pitching at the Bloody Berry Creek

28th Tuesday Wind SW cloudy Weather blowing & Snowing the most of the day & very Cold —

March Sent the Men to the Pines to bring home some Plank
Indians that arrived yesterday praying their Debts & Traders what little they had Over.
The Men that went for Plank returned in the Afternoon brought with them 35. 2 Inch planks.
In the Evening 3 more Southern Indians arrived to this House & to the M.Coy House they came from the Little Hill East; they brought a small quantity of Rounded Meat

29th Wednesday Wind NW part clear & part cloudy Weather
The Indians that arrived the Day before Yesterday, went away those that arrived yesterday remains all to day at the House
Men at Home Carnestly employed

30th Thursday Wind SW cloudy Weather thawing a good deal
Five Men that were at the Pines sawing & collecting Pitch came home having finished their Job
The rest of the Indians went away

31st Friday Wind S part clear & part cloudy Weather
Sent all the Men to the Pines to bring home Planks & also good Logs for Sawing. In the Afternoon a part of them returned the others having further to go for their Loading will not be home till tomorrow
A Tent of Southern Indians Pitched to the House to day

April 1st Saturday Wind as Yesterday clear fine day thawing a good deal
The Men that did not Return from the Pines Yesterday, arrived to day with some Logs. The other Men at the House getting some Brush wood for making Charcoal — In the Evening 2 of the M.Coy Men who left this to go to Reed Creek the 19th Ultimo arrived —

2d Sunday Wind Variable cloudy Weather thawes very little
Four Southern Indian young Men arrived at this House they came from the Stone Woods they brought with them a few Furs and a little Dried Provisions.

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Sent off James Slate & James Whitford Junr to an Indian Tenting at the Swampy Hill to employ him to take 15 fathoms of Birchrind for Making two Small Canoes for the use of the House

3d Monday Wind NW Cloudy hard clear Weather
Sent Cuthbert to Setet home some wood that was left at the Pines
Five Men employed sawing boards the collecting and bringing home birch bind for Charcoal — A Slave Indian arrived at the Mtg House

4th Tuesday Wind S part clear and part cloudy Weather cold for this Season of the Year
Men employed Pounding dried Meat & sawing boards
The Indian that got Stabbed 23d of Feby is nearly got well of his wounds and is gone off to day in search of his relations

5th Wednesday Wind S6 cloudy Weather
Men employed as yesterday
In the afternoon a Slave Indian arrived brought a few Beaver & Foxes, which he traded and went away
Three Southn Indians also arrived 1 to this House & 2 to the Mtg House

6th Thursday Wind S part clear & part cloudy Weather Having a little Swans seen flying at the House twice to day for the first this season —
Men employed cutting wood Wood for sawing next Winter

7th Friday Calm cloudy Weather
Sent James Sandiman Junr and John Mercman to make preparations for making a little Maple Sugar, as soon as the Trees begin to move The rest of the Men cutting fire wood
Four Tents of Southn Indians Resided to the House to day
There is now About the House 16 Tents of Slave doing nothing

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They spoke being about the House half Starving, then to move to near the Buffalo as what is not more than 8 Miles distante, where they might live well and make some kind provision to trade at the House

9th Saturday a Quick Breeze from the North cold Weather for the Season — Men employed cutting Wood

9th Sunday Wind SE part clear & part cloudy Weather blowing fresh James Slate & James Whitford who went for Birchrind last Sunday returned & brought with them 17 fathoms of Birchrind

10th Monday Wind NW part clear & part cloudy with a thick Shower of Snow — Men employed cutting fire wood
A Southn Indian pitched his Tent at the House

11th Tuesday a Strong Gale SE part clear & part cloudy Weather
Men employed Cutting fire Wood
A Southn Indian & his wife arrived at the Mtg House, they came from the Moose Woods

12th Wednesday Wind SE Morning cloudy afternoon clear Thaws a good Deale the ground begins to get bare of Snow when the high ground
Employed John Osborne to make a little Maple Sugar about 1 Mile from the House — The rest of the Men cutting fire wood
Maple Trees begin to run

13th Thursday Wind Variable part clear & part cloudy Weather
Men employed as yesterday
Four Tents of Southn Indians Resided at the House, they came from the Swampy Hill — Five Slave Indians were discovered in the Bushes near the House watching an opportunity to Steal the Horses that was grazing in the Plain they made off with themselves immediately after they were discovered

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April 14th Friday Calm dull heather but mild thawing a good deal
Men employed cutting fire Wood
This is turned out the finest day we have had this season had 2 small Showers of rain at times clear & very hot weather which has melted all the Snow, except in some of the Ditches, even the ditch is low.
Eight Slave Indians arrived 2 to this House & 6 the NWCy House, they appear to have brought very little with them

15th Saturday Wind SE Clear fine warm day.
Men employed as yesterday except on that is fishing they home

16th Sunday Wind and Weather as yesterday, these 3 last days have been remarkable hot Weather which is melted all the Snow away where.

17th Monday Wind Variable Cloudy Weather with Showers of Rain all day
Seven Men employed cutting fire Wood, the others as before — Three Slave Indians arrived one came to this House & 2 went to the NWCy House they came from the Eagle Hill creek

18th Tuesday Wind SE part clear & part cloudy Weather
Men employed as Yesterday
This day the Geese & Swans fly past frequently.
The Slave Indeans that arrived yesterday returned to their camp — Sent by one of them 1 Quarter of Tobacco to be given their Chiefs to call a Council among themselves concerning the 6 Horses Stolen by them from the Company & their Servants at Point Creek and to try to bring them back if as again — but they have little influence over their young Men, so think I shall have but little hopes of any of them being Brought —
Four Slave Indians arrived with Provisions to the NWCy House came to this House —

April 19th Wednesday Wind NW Cloudy Weather with Showers of rain at times
Men employed much the same as before
The Slave Indians that arrived yesterday went away
A band of Southern Indians arrived 6 Men to each House, they came from the Moose Woods —
Thomas Patterson got hurt by a Tree falling upon him, but luckily for him slightly —

20th Thursday Wind SE Clear fine Weather
Sent 6 Men to the Pines to get Wood for making 2 Small Canoes the rest of the Men employed cleaning about the Houses

21st Friday Wind NE with a Shower of Snow in the Morning, the after part of the day blowing hard; at times clear Weather.
Men employed as yesterday
The Indians that arrived on Wednesday, paying their Debts and trading, and a part of them went away —
About noon Mr Bremner with 3 Canadians of the NWCy arrived at this place from Moose brought Letters from Mr Bird to me
The River Is gave way a little a place above opposite the House sufficient to Cross with a Boat

22 Saturday Wind Easterly with thick Snow from noon till night
Men at home employed sweeping round the works in case of Fire — The 6 Men that went to the Pines on Thursday returned having got the wood ready they went for, to bring home

23d Sunday Calm dull heavy Weather the Snow that fell yesterday is all melted away, A Southern Indian pitched his Tent at the House he came from the Moose Woods

24th Monday Wind West cloudy Weather
Two Men fishing Wood from the Pines, the rest cutting down small Trees for fencing for the Gardens — Some of the Indians who have been Tenting at the House all Spring pitched away
This day sowed some Cabbage seed for Plants.

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April 25th Tuesday Wind Variable fine Weather

Most of the Indians that were Trading at the House fitted away.— Two Men employed bringing home wood for fencing in the Gardens. The other employed Planting Peas.

26th Wednesday Wind Northerly clear Weather

Two Men employed ploughing up the Gardens, the rest planting up Peas.

L.Mc Ravand & Mc Lean with six half bred Canadians and an Indian for Pilot, set off on their way to Red River on account, as we suppose; to assist in Defending their Pimican in case Captain MacDonell should attempt to take it as last Year.

27th Thursday Wind SE blows fresh all day Clear Weather

Men employed as Yesterday

A little Sowing Seed in the Rain now & then, this has been a remarkable quiet Planting up of the Seed little or no Seed put here unless it was in the Night time.

28th Friday Wind NE Cloudy Weather with a little Snow falling till noon when it cleared up, but the Wind is quite Black for this Season of the Year.

Men employed as before

This Afternoon a band of Southern Indians 30 Men & 9 Women with them; all on Horse back, arrived, they are Indians that traded at Paint Creek last Winter, and their Motives for coming this way, was, to join the Indians of this River; to go to War with them; they brought nothing with them but 1 Swan Skin

29th Saturday Wind NE Clear fine Weather

Men employed as before till after Breakfast when three Planting Peas, where Planting Potatoes. Planted 15 Bushels

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April of common & 2 Bushels of a better kind called Large Fingers; also sowed 1½ Bushels of Oats.

Seven Southern Indians arrived one to this House & 2 to the NW Co House, they came from the Birch Hills, has little or nothing with them; also 4 Tents of the NW Co Indians settled to this House they came from the Woody Hill.

30th Sunday Wind & Weather as Yesterday

A band of Stone Indians arrived 6 Men to this House & 22 to the NW Co House, they where very poorly gooded.

May 1st Monday Wind Northerly clear Weather

Men employed at the Gardens

This day sowed 2¼ Bushels of Barley

The Stone Indians that arrived yesterday went away, also the Southern Indians from Paint Creek, went in Company with them

Two other Stone Indians arrived one to each House, they traded & returned immediately. young grass begins to appear, and early flowers the name of which I am unacquainted to is in Blossom

2d Tuesday Wind and Weather as Yesterday

Men employed as Yesterday

Five Stone Indians arrived to the NW Co House; none to this House. They appeared to have but little with them.

This day sowed 4 Bushels of Barley

3d Wednesday Wind & Weather as before but blowing hard & cold Wea.

Men employed as before; this day sowed 1 Bushel of Barley, 3½ pints of Wheat sowed Indian Peas, Beans, Turnip, Raddish, Carrots, Onions & Lettuce a very small quantity of each kind. Finished sowing all the Grain we had in Cultivation last year

The Indians that arrived yesterday went away

James Sandum & James Whitford came home to day from Sugar making but have had very little success having only made 48 lb. of Maple Sugar

May 4th Thursday Wind Northerly clear Weather blowing hard
Men employed pushing down Fire Brandths
Four of the Miss'y Men set off for Cumberland House in a Small Canoe

5th Friday Wind Westerly Weather still rather cold — A very thick Smoke about us on Account of the Woods being on Fire to Windward of us About 10 Miles distant, the Sun burning several days past
Five Men getting themselves ready to start for Cumberland Point Brook tomorrow, to assist in bringing down the Craft — The other Men at the House Carriously Employed.

6th Saturday Wind NW clear fine day
Sent John Hourie, James Slater, James Sanderson Junr & John Morriman & James Whitford to Point Brook by Land. Sent by them 1 Keg of Tobacco with a Horse to carry it.
Men at the House employed fencing in the Gardens or Fields
Five Southern Indians arrived, one to this House, & one to the Miss'y house Also 6 Tents of Southern Indians belonging Point Brook pitched opposite the House across the River

7th Sunday Wind West blowing hard Cold for the Season

8th Monday Wind NW Clear fine Weather
Three Men employed ploughing out a piece of New Ground, the rest raking & pulling Fire Brandths. Five New Indians arrived 3 to this House & 2 to the Miss'y House, had scarce any thing with them The Southern Indians who were Pitching opposite the House, pitched their Tents to this side of the River, The New Indians that arrived to day returned to their Tents

9th Tuesday Wind Variable Clear Weather
Three Men employed ploughing 2 Men burning Timbers for Small Canoes, one Man bringing home some Pine wood, one Man burning Fire Brandths with Moss Leather, and one Man planeing Wood for Canoes. — Five Southern arrived to this House brought 3 Swan Skins

May 10th Wednesday Wind Easterly clear Weather
Men employed Raising some Fire Brandths in the Morning, afterwards scraping together and burning Rubbish round the Banks

11th Thursday Wind Variable a tolerable fine day
Three Men employed ploughing one Man Harrowing, one Man covering Fire Brandths with Moss Leather, one Man cutting up Fat & 2 Men preparing wood for Small Canoes
The Indians that arrived the day before yesterday went away.

12th Friday Wind Northerly clear Weather
Men employed nearly as Yesterday
4 Southern Indians arrived brought a little Pounded Meat & 5 Swan Skins
Part of the Indians that where Tenting about the House pitched across the River.

13th Saturday Wind Southerly blows fresh, the bleakness of the Weather & the hard frosts every night retards vegetation very much, none of the seeds that have been sown have made their appearance above ground except the Cabbage seed, which are well covered up every night
Men employed as before till about 11 O'Clock, when every one at both Houses was busily employed in extinguishing the Fire, that is raging through the grass & woods all around the Houses, and after much exertion we got it under sufficient to prevent its communicating with the Banks. Kept 2 Men upon Watch all night in case the fire might take in any fresh place.
Three Tents of Southern Pitched to the House. The Indians that arrived yesterday went away. — The Country all around is in one Blaze for a Considerable distance which does great damage to the Woods. — The Tracks of three Five Indians was discovered on the burnt ground about 3 Miles from the House, & we suppose it to be them that set the ground on Fire, and they are making their appearance at the Houses we suppose they are looking for Horses to steal which is a thing quite common in this Place & which creates us much trouble in guarding against them —

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May 14th Sunday Wind S.E. clear fine Weather
Several Weather Indians arrived 2 to this House, & 5 to the N.W. Fort
the Cattle appear to have a good many Furs with them, they came from
near the Red River, some of the Indians that were Trading at the
House Pitched away towards the Swan Hills

15th Monday Wind Variable Clear Weather
Men employed at different works
The Indians that arrived Yesterday went away
Barley & Oats begin to come above the ground

16th Tuesday A very strong Gale of Wind all last night & continued
most all to day from the Northward, the Fire on the ground made
great ravages all night very fast around us at some distance
was in a Blaze
Men employed Cutting some Bundles; and hauling, Sowing
to Hodge in the new piece of ground Shaw had Broke out this Spring
& sowed it Bushels of Potatoes on it — it about one Acre of Ground —

17th Wednesday Wind Westerly blowing fresh Clear Weather
The Lake froze last night has Ice thick enough very cold that appears
above ground. Men employed cutting & hauling fire wood &
James Sandison Sow Repairing the 2 Boats —
A very long continuance of cold Weather more so than usual, at this
time of the year.

18th Thursday Wind N.W. clear fine day at times Blew hard
Men employed in Pounding Dried Meat

19th Friday Wind Variable at times blowing hard with a Shower
of rain in the Evening
Three Men employed fencing in a Field 2 Men repairing
Boats the rest Pounding Dried Meat &c

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May 20th Saturday Wind Variable part clear & part Cloudy Weather
with Thunder and some showers of rain in the afternoon
Late last night the 2 Mr. Sinclair Men that went to Cumberland the
4th Instant arrived by whom I received Letters
Two Men employed fencing in a Field of Oats, Taylor employed at
his business, one Man drying some pounded Meat, one Man
working at the Boats the others cleaning & hauling away
rubbish from within the works.

21st Sunday Wind Northerly blowing a Strong Gale with clouds, but
22 Monday Wind and Weather much the same as Yesterday
Men employed pounding dried Meat & other Jobs about the
House. Weighed the Pemican that was made some time ago
116½ bags Wt. 9721 pounds.

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23 Tuesday Wind NW. clear fine day
Two Men employed sawing a Log for the Mess Pannonly employed
Wheat, Peas, Sparage & Cucumbers begins to appear above ground.

24th Wednesday Wind Southerly clear fine day
Men employed about making a Small Canoe and other small
Jobs about the House
The Rev. Mr. Cooper arrived and went away in the afternoon
brought 2 Moose Skins with him
This afternoon for the first time this season observed the
Leaf of the Peas to begin to make their appearance

25th Thursday Wind West a very strong Gale clear Weather
Men employed in building a Small Canoe & other small Jobs
About the House
Our Hunter Pitched to the Mouse to day & two other
Indians with him
The Water in the River is remarkable shallow

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May 26th Friday Calm clear very sultry Weather in the forenoon, in the afternoon hard clear & hard cloudy Weather with sudden gusts of Wind from Different sets with a Shower of rain
The Water in the River rose a little last night
Men employed cutting up Dried wood to make Charcoal of & two Men Stationed night & day to attend it lest it be burnt

27th Saturday Wind SE blowing hard
In the Morning Mr Ross & Mr Connell arrived with 7 Boats & 7 Canoes manned with 31 Men also Mr Hughes of the Moffat arrived in one Canoe
Men at the House employed doing Different Jobs about the House till the Craft arrived, when all hands were employed making Pemican. made 76 Bags of 90lbs each. - A Southward Indian Lad arrived brought a few Furs belonging his father for Debt.

28th Sunday Wind & Weather as Yesterday
Water still rising in the River slowly
The Indian that arrived yesterday went away

29th Monday Wind North hard Clear & hard cloudy Weather
Men employed getting the Furs & Pemican Down to the River.

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