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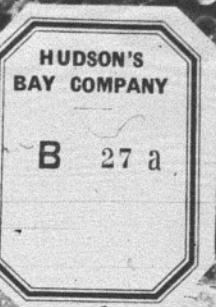
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1821 and 1822



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Journal of Transactions
at Carlton District 1821 & 22.

June 1st Friday Wind S.W. clear weather blowing fresh about two o'clock this morning Mr Pittman and Hutchison started in a Boat after the Brigade that went off yesterday morning Names of People who are to pay the summer at Carlton first Mr J P Bushnell Major Mr James & George Bird Clark and a Mr Moore. Sir Men also left by Mr Heron to return to Camonton House as soon as a canoe can be made for them



2nd Saturday Wind W weather as yesterday Sent James Bright and 3 men and horses down to the pines to fetch wood for building a canoe with 2 men with horses employed draging timber down to the water side and the other variously employed about the house Sowed 325 of Peas to day. Potatoes begin to make thin appearance above ground

3rd Sunday Wind S.W. blowing fresh all day I am canoes and the Battaws belonging to the M.C. of paid him for below. Sent the Hunters a hunting in the woods and a man & a horse to bring home what meat they may kill The men that went to the pines yesterday but with the wood they went for the rest variously employed at the house

4th Monday Wind N.E. weather as yesterday James Bright and 4 men preparing wood for a half size canoe. the rest variously employed

June 4th employed about the House. A light canoe belonging to the NW Co. is ready to go for below.

5. Tuesday Wind S. W. fine clear weather.

Men employed as follows 5 preparing wood for a canoe & Boating up timber from the Pines 1 attending Horses and 3 employed at the garden. The Hunter and Man arrived with the meat of 1 Bear and 1 jumping Deer.

6th Wednesday Wind and weather as yesterday.

Men employed much the same as before

7th Thursday Wind S^W very hot weather a little rain fell in the course of last night and this evening a heavy shower with thunder and lightning.

Sent 5 men to bring up timber in the Boat and 1 to haul it down to the water side from the top of the Bank 2 Men employed in the Garden and the rest preparing wood for a canoe.

Lst 4 of our leanest Horses out last night to graize and in the morning they were still grazing within 300 yards of the Fort when the remainder of the Horses that had been kept in all night 8 in number were put out also to graize and in less than an hour they were all taken away as we suppose by a war party. 5 of our people with the Hunter went in search of them but as they did not all start together 4 went in one place and 2 in another the former followed their tracks for about 8 miles where they came to a place where there had been a rendezvous of a war party of about 40 as they supposed they had just left the place and from their leaving the covers of their

shelters. War caps a number of shot and several other things they supposed they had seen and were in pursuit of them from the manner of their shot it appears they are Full Indians, they had gone straight down to the River. when they came too many they gave over farther pursuit of the horses and came home bringing some of the things they found along with them. On their arrival with this news I sent the men from their different employments and set 2 to keep a strict look out and the rest to arrange platforms in two corners of the fort that had not blockhouses and making other preparations in case we might be attacked by these Indians who we consider our enemies when they make their appearance in this part of the Country. while we were thus employed the Boat arrived with a load of timber and left one man to drag more timber down to the River before the Men had time to unload the Boat one of the men on the watch discovered a number of Indians all on Horse back crossing the River below from the North to the South side when our men had just passed we left off unloading the Boat and got into the Fort as we could see very plainly with our glasses that it was a war party they remained for the space of an hour at the waterside when they ascended the Bank and came on toward the Fort when they came within $\frac{1}{2}$ of a mile we perceived one of them waving the flag and to let them know that they were discovered I ordered the flag to be hoisted which when he saw he disappeared.

All hands under arms all night but saw nor heard nothing.

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June 8th Friday/ Wind N.E. blowing hard in the forenoon at times fine and at times showers of rain in the afternoon very cloudy with heavy Rain Thunder and lightning. After sun rise part of the men went today while the other part kept watch. About 7 o'clock A.M. some of the Indians that we had seen yesterday made their appearance passing over the brow of the Hill about 300 yards from the Fort. and then disappeared again for some time when they would reappear till I waved my Hat to signify to them that we were aware of them and about 8 o'clock A.M. they were leading their Horses to the activity of the Hill when we had a full view of them there appeared to be about 30 of them one of them which we suppose to be their leader spread his robe which we supposed to be a sign that they intended to do me harm to us. I ordered my Horse to be saddled and I rode out of the Fort towards where they were till I came within a 100 yards of them and called to them in the Slave Indian language for only one of them to come to me. their leader made answer that they were on their return to their own land and their spoke to the rest of them in the Slave Indian language by which I then sensus them to be of that Nation they ascended the Bank slowly and one that was behind fired a shot at the Fort and after another shot was fired at the Fort but the Balls whistled over our heads we did not return the fire they being at too great a distance to make a sure shot they then all disappeared but as it began to rain very hard soon after I suppose they are still near hand. The man that was hauling timber down to the water finding no Bear coming to him and having nothing to eat or to shelter him from the

1821

June 8th the rain came home in the afternoon which retarded me from much hunting as I was fearful the Indians had done him some harm. he says that as he came out top of the Banks he saw some person on those Banks lying at a quiet pace in country which can be no other than one of the party that passed this morning who may be lurking about to endeavor to kill some one likely as it appears that they are afraid to attack the Fort. we have now only 4 Horses remaining to furnish us with meat and do all the other work about the House very little Provisions in the House of any kind and we are prevented from hunting by these rascals being continually about us watching an opportunity of killing any one they may fall in with.



9th Saturday/ Wind E. raining very hard all day All the men employed sloping water but did not see any thing of the Indians to day

10th Sunday/ Wind E & fine clear weather Two men on watch all day and 4 all night Men Brodus & Harris rode up to the M.W. fort and called to them for to come up and give us the news 5 young men (half Bush) came up and informed us that 1 of their people had been killed and 2 wounded a few day ago as they were hunting up the River about 7 miles from the Fort also that the Slave Indians had been at the Fort and wished to get in but in a friendly way but were not allowed they smoked a pipe with some of them through the pickets. afterwards one of the people in the Fort fired at them but missed they returned 3 shots and went off

1821

- June 11th Monday / Wind N.E. fine clear weather
Men employed Boating up timber the rest
guarding the Fort.
- 12 Tuesday / Wind and weather as yesterday
Men employed as follows 1 preparing wood for
a canoe & Boating timber & Haying horses and the
rest guarding the Fort
- 13rd Wednesday / Blowing a light breeze from the N.E.
weather - Sighting of 2 Indians (Hurons) and a man
with 4 horses to bring home what meat they may
have. The rest of the men employed as yesterday
Transplanted 550 cabbage plants this evening
- 14th Thursday / Wind N.E. fine clear weather
Men employed bringing up timber from
Knight and 3 others building a canoe and Haying
horses. The water in the River ran about 5 feet over
morning
- 15th Friday / Wind and weather as yesterday
all the men (except those employed making the
canoe) are taking the logs up the Bank to prevent
its being floated away by the water which is rising
rapidly
- 16th Saturday / Wind S.E. fine clear weather
Men employed at the canoe the rest employ
ed at the garden after dark the Hurons and Man
arrived with the meat of 1 Moon and 1 Pheasant
- 17th Sunday / Calm clear weather very sultry

1821

- June 18th Monday / Wind and weather as yesterday
Men employed as follows 1 boiling Potatoes
2 making Posts for a house & making a canoe and
attaching horses Mr. Harris with an Indian
started for moose lake to get some horses.
- 19th Tuesday / Wind S.W. cloudy weather
Men employed much the same as yes
terday Transplanted 550 cabbage plants
- 20th Wednesday / Wind S.W. clear in the forenoon
but after 12 o'clock turned cloudy and rained all day
Men employed as before
- 21st Thursday / Wind S.W. fine weather
Men employed at various jobs about the
Fort finished the canoe to day
- 22nd Friday / Wind and weather as yesterday
The 4 men left here by Mr. Brown to get 200
with goods embarked this morning accompanied by
Mr. London and 6 Indian which are going up the
River on a hunting excursion
- Men at the House employed haying
Potatoes and digging a piece of ground for cabbage
- 23rd Saturday / Wind S.W. fine clear weather
Men employed as yesterday Transplanted 300
cabbage plants
- 24th Sunday / Wind W. fine clear weather
Transplanted 527 cabbage plants
The water in the River rose about 7 feet per
pendicular since the morning.

1821

June 25th Monday / Wind S.W. from clear weather
Men at the House employed variously
about the Gardens

26th Tuesday / Wind S.E. cloudy with much rain in
the forenoon but cleared up in the afternoon
Men employed as before transplanted
500 cabbage plants

27th Wednesday / calm clear weather
Men variously employed at the house

28th Thursday / Wind S.E. cloudy weather with light
showers of rain at intervals all day
Men variously employed transplanting
438 cabbage plants

29th Friday / Blowing fresh from the N.E. clear
weather Mr Pruden and party arrived
with the load of 3 Bulls there being no cows
to be found

30th Saturday / calm very sultry weather
Men employed hoing Potatoes

July 1st Sunday / Wind N.E. from clear weather.
Mr Rose and arrived from below with a
small supply of goods for the N.W. Company

2nd Monday / Wind S.E. cloudy weather with
rain at intervals through the day
Men employed hoing Potatoes and doing
small lots about the house

1821

July 3rd Tuesday / Wind S.E. cloudy weather
Men employed as yesterday

4th Wednesday / Wind and weather as yesterday
The Men finished hoing the Potatoes

5th Thursday / Wind S.W. cloudy with rain in the
forenoon but cleared up and was fair weather in
the afternoon. Men employed as follows
6 chopping Posts for a cellar in the house and
2 in the gardens.

6th Friday / Wind N.E. fine clear weather
Men employed preparing wood for the ship
and cellar

7th Saturday / Wind S.E. cloudy weather with
some rain in the afternoon
Men employed as yesterday

8th Sunday / Wind N.E. cloudy weather with
rain at intervals throughout the day
A crew Indian arrived but brought nothing with
him to trade

9th Monday / Wind N.E. fine clear weather
Mr Pruden and 2 men with 7 horses started
this morning to go in search of Buffalo
Men at home employed digging the cellar

10th Tuesday / Wind W.E. fine clear weather
Mr Pruden and men arrived and brought the
load of Red Deer thinking no Buffalo to
be found - Men employed as yesterday

1821

July 11 Wednesday Wind N.E. fine clear weather
 The Indian who accompanied Mr. Harris to Moon Lake arrived with one Horse and informs us that Mr. Harris to not finding Horses at Moon Lake had proceeded to Cananda he saw no Buffalo the last 3 days
 Men employed as before

12th Thursday Wind S.E. fine warm weather
 Men employed as yesterday

13th Friday Wind N.E. clear weather but very sultry. Men employed as before Sent off the Hunter 2 men and 4 Horses to hunt in the woods.

14th Saturday Wind E. rainy weather
 Men employed as before

15th Sunday Wind S.E. rained very hard all last night and continued most all day

The Hunter arrived but brought no news the Hunter having run a song through his foot by accident and could not walk to look for animals.

16th Monday Wind N.E. cloudy weather with rain at intervals. Mr. Boarden went off this morning on a hunting excursion also sent the Boarden up the River following down what he said he may find. Men at the house employed variously

17th Tuesday Wind W. fine clear weather
 Mr. Pinson and party arrived they went as far as the Elbow which is about 30 miles above this but did not see the last vestige of any Buffalo.

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July 17th about 4 o'clock Mr. Wilson arrived in a small canoe from Montreal with letters concerning the arrangements that had taken place between the two companies. They met with some of the M.C. people going to settle a post at the Nipigon but on hearing this news we sent for them to return

18th Wednesday Wind NE. fine weather
 Men employed variously about the House except 2 who are gone to the outlet Lake to kill some Geese and Ducks

19th Thursday Wind and weather as yesterday
 Men employed hoing cabbages and digging the cellar. James Wright an oman arrived from the outlet Lake brought 14 Geese and says that there is no game or ducks to be had there

20th Friday Wind S.W. cloudy weather
 Men employed working at the cellar but as I have nothing to give them to eat but a little Bear meat they do very little

21st Saturday calm sultry weather mosquitos exceedingly numerous and troublesome and have been so this long time past. Sent the Hunter away to tent in the woods and to man with him to make the meal he may kill
 Men employed as yesterday

22nd Sunday calm cloudy weather very sultry heavy rain followed the course of last night
 Sent Mr. George Blodoff this morning in company with Harry Hallatt open of the M.C. to



1821

July 22^d servants with the express to Edmonton. the reason it has been detained so long was on account of waiting for an Indian guide to go by the woods but after finding him he refused to go so that we are obliged to send by the plains which is more dangerous

23^d Monday / calm hot weather.

Men employed at the cellar except 2 sent to the Duck Lake to endeavour to find some snow means or any thing that is eatable

In the afternoon Mr. Harriott with a small boy along with him arrived from Edmonton with 5 Horses 4 of which he was under the property of purchasing from the men which were very dear, thus buying me horses of the Company's at Edmonton

24^d Tuesday / weather as yesterday

James Knight repairing a boat the others working at the cellar which as been a long time in the evening the man that went with the Hunter arrived but brought no meat there being no animals to be found he left the Hunter by coming on after him

25 Wednesday / Wind variable very hot weather

Sent James Knight 2 Allen and 3 Horses to go up as far as the Eagle Hill creek in expectation that the Buffalo are arrived at that place by this time and should they be fortunate enough to find Buffalo then they are to make a skin canoes to float down some meat we are now entirely out of all kind of eatables I gave some of the men ammunition and other goods and time

1821

July 25^d to go and look out for something for themselves to eat Sent every woman and child to the Duck Lake and Mr. Harriott and the Hunter to take pigeons for them at the same time to gather a few berries

26^d Thursday / calm cloudy sultry weather with heavy thunder to the S.E and about sun set a very strong gale of wind with rain

Men all employed looking out for something for themselves to eat except Mr. Harriott Smith who I cannot persuade to any thing but preparing the house and eating nothing then to let the trouble to fish

27^d Friday / A strong gale of wind still part cloudy part cloudy weather - Mr. Harriott came home from the Duck Lake and informs me that there is neither pigeons nor berries to be had there I therefore sent him back to bring home the women and children although I have not a mouthful of any thing to give them to eat. these are by far the worst times I ever experienced in this part of the country and what is more surprising not an Indian coming near us

28^d Saturday / calm clear weather

Men unemployed having nothing to give them eat and 2 of them vizt. Mr. Harriott Smith and James Leathem so insistent that they will not look out for any thing for themselves although I furnished them with hooks and lines and although fish are not plenty still a man might always catch a dog a day if you're to get enough

1821

July 29th Sunday / Wind variable with Thunder & Hail storm. Rain at times. Mr. Prender took a ride on the north side towards the woody side in search of animals but saw nothing but a Cat which he killed about 10 o'clock at night James straight and the 2 men I sent with him on Hunting arrived without having had any success except a Goat that they killed which they said did not see a vestige of a Buffalo although they have been travelling through the plains now five days in a part of the country Buffalo never failed to be in these ten years back at this season of the year.

30th Monday / A fresh breeze S.W. clear weather water in the river not about 1/2 but perpendicular

These southward Indians arrived brought by Draped Moon skins and 10 Swans but not a morsel of provisions. I wished them very much to go on hunting for me but could not prevail on them. I agreed one of them to start and he is gone back to get his family this is 14 tents when they came from one days march from this and I have sent Mr. Harriett a man and 3 Horses back there to bear what Provisions they have among them most of the men anything a part of the way but I cannot get them to keep at it or they might catch fish enough to live on. Donald Fraser John Somers and Murdoch Smith told me that they would get Cumberland flour on a Raft. I told them that they ought to be ashamed of themselves for such conduct as they could always live on Fish till better times turned up the remainder of the families arrived from the west Lake almost starved they have eat nothing but a few Berries for some time past

1821

July 31st Tuesday / a light breeze S.E. fine clear weather the water in the River begins to fall of James Smith and Murdoch Smith were very insolent to me to day these two fellows watched an opportunity when I am out of the way and go into the Garden and steal the vegetables before they are become of sufficient size to eat for which I reprimanded them. I told them that I would allow no such liberties that when they wanted anything out of the Garden to ask me and it should be given to them.

August

1st Wednesday / A light breeze N.E. part clear and part cloudy weather light showers of rain at intervals

Very few fish to be caught to day water in the River falling fast - 3 Bungus arrived to day they came from the neighbourhood of Swan River they have carried a Canoe from that place while is 20 days march for the purpose of going up the South Branch River to hunt Beaver



2nd Thursday / Calm hot weather

No fish to be caught this morning gave the men a pan full of wheat and barley to make soup of a pot of about 3 gall which is been layed by some time being not thought fit for use

Donald Fraser the who went with Mr. Harriett arrived brought 45 lbs of Dried meat and 100 lbs flour which is all he could get he remains behind himself to endeavour to get an animal or two killed by the Indians. gave 35 lbs of the dried meat to the men and the rest to the families

3rd Friday / Wind variable Cloudy weather

1821

August 3rd I am afraid our grain as received by my from the lighting as it has changed colour very fast
Gotted out the Burros who arrived the 1st inst with the necessary articles for working Beaver also employ'd them to kill 2 or 3 animals for me. I sent 2 men and 3 horses with them to bring home the meat of which should suffice any animal.

4th Tuesday Wind S.W. clear weather

Mr. Harriott arrived with as much dried Meat as you or a scanty meal to the women and children who have been starving a long time

5th Sunday Wind and weather as yesterday I sent Mr. Harriott and 1 man and 2 horses back to the Hunters he had employ'd to bring home the meat as they had great expectations of killing some animals the day before which was yesterday morning. The 2 men that work'd with the Burros arrived with the meat of 1 Red Deer which is the first fresh meat I have received since the 10th July.

6th Monday Wind S.W. clear very hot weather sent 2 men to the pines for Sodas and Hay Fork hammers 1 man to the Dust Lake to bring home the skin canner 1 man having Cabbage preparing the crooking Boat and trailing in the cellar a good many Grasshoppers or Locust made their appearance and are destroying the garden crops, just received the meat of a Red Deer from the Hunters 500 Indians arrived from a camp of about 300 tents of crows and Sioux Indians they say that there is about 500 men gone from their camp to war on the Black Indians

1821

August 7th Tuesday calm cloudy weather with thunder and rain over man putting up walls in the garden 3 Horses, Sodas and Hay forks I mowing the grass and Guarding houses. Bought a Horse from the Indians that arrived yesterday 4 of them went off to day and the other one remains at the house

8th Wednesday Wind S.E. clear hot weather

Sent 3 men to mow grass for hay and 1 man to make it 1 man guarding houses and the other man variously employed. 36 Sioux Indians arrived brought 1 Beaver and 1 Conifer Cat they came for ammunition and Tobacco as they have been accustomed to do for several years back but I gave them to understand that times had changed and that we could not give our goods away for nothing any longer that they must bring tobacco with to purchase their wants I gave each of them 3 lbs of Tobacco and 34 Pounds of ammunition among them I also sent 1 lb Tobacco to their chief at the camp with a message for them to bring in provisions as fast as possible that I might be enabled to send it down to meet the crafts who I suppose will be very much in want.

Mr. Harriott arrived brought the meat of a Buck deer from the Hunters the Hunters also paid him to the house got a tract of 28 paces of dried Rum

The Sioux Indian went up to the 18th House to sleep

9th Thursday Wind and weather as yesterday

4 men employed at the Hay 1 man cutting part of the bats that are ripe 1 attending house and 1 repairing the Crooking Boat

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14th Friday Wind N.E. clear weather

Four men employed at the Way as before and 200
long ears. The Hunters ate pitched away to the in-
a man and 8 horses with them to bring home what
meat they may kill. James Johnson James Leth
Muiville Smith and James Spine the Men who
an employee in making Hay have made 28 cords
of it. Some Indians arrived brought nothing to
make the old Branches of Tobacco eat and went
away again -

15th Saturday Wind S.W. clear fine weather

Nothing in store to give the men to eat a number
by no work doing. The Graphoppers have now
nearly eat all the leaves of the Turnips cut them
off the Barley and done a good deal of mischief
to the cabbages. W. Harriet and James Knight
cut down about a $\frac{1}{4}$ acre of oats which would
have shatter if it stood any longer. Donald from
James Ishner, James Leth James Spine and Muiville
Smith amusing themselves playing at cards altho'
the times are such that it requires every exertion
to obtain something to eat. James Knight caught
14 gold eye fish this morning which weigh about
2 lbs each and the rest might have had the same
chance if they could be kept at fishing but they
will not do it and their behaviour lately as been
unsupportable - 28 cows arrived most of them belong
to the Swan River department they say that they
are on their way to cross on the Slave Indians but
I rather think they are going to steal horses gave
them Branches of Tobacco as his customary when
they arrives and they went off to the N.W. house

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August 16th Sunday A Gale of Wind S.E. past clear and part
cloudy weather with heavy rain in the afternoon.

Murdock Smith came to me to ask for Potatoes I
told him that since they had caught some Fish this
morning they could go without Potatoes as it was
only wasting them to dig them up before they came
to maturity. He said that if I would give them he
would go and take some himself which I told him to
do at his pleasure Received a box load of Zekham Fish
by Mr. Galters son but by this being 2 days on the
way home and very hot weather they were in a great
measure spoiled I saved them out to the men and
families as soon as they arrived some were tolerably
good and others were not - The Indians that passed
yesterday returned from the N.W. house they have
declined going any further on this way excursion
thence being no Buffalo on the Route they intended to
take

13th Monday Wind S.W.^{1/2} clear weather blowing hard
gave the men and families some Potatoes

The grass that was cut for hay on Friday is sprouting
for the want of being mown the oats and barley are
also being much by being shaken by the wind and the
men will do nothing since I have it not in my power
to give them 8 lbs of meat a man per day which is the regular
allowance when I have it to give them

John Somers arrived with the coat of 11 moon
Deer sold out 40 lbs to the Indian and 75 to the
rest of the families which are 23 in number men
women and children. James Johnson has the im-
pulse to day to tell me that I only gave him and
the rest of his people 3 Potatoes each for Breakfast
and to convince the fellow of the great falsehood he
had

1821

Augst 13th have arrived. I ordered him to go and file the same Kettle that was given to him in the morning and had them counted and weighed before him the number of which was 190 weight 100 lbs which shows very plain that it is only wasting them to take them out of the ground so early.

14th Tuesday Wind S.E. fine clear weather

Sent 2 men to cut Hay and 2 to stack when they had cut before James Knight and Donald from binding up the oats. James Hanson was very insatiable and abusive to me this morning.

John Somes arrived from the Hunter's tent with the meat of 2 animals.

15th Wednesday Wind N.E. fine clear weather

Men employed as yesterday

John Somes returned to the Hunter's tent this day changed the daily allowance of the men as the meat always runs short. gave to each man 5 lbs of meat and 1/4 of Potatoes and Turnips per day —

16th Thursday a light breeze N.E. fine weather
Two men employed cutting and making Hay, binding up oats and cutting down what Barley the Grasshoppers have left.

17th Friday Wind W.^{SW} fine clear weather

Men employed as yesterday

John Somes arrived with the meat of 2 Buck Moon Deer

18th Saturday Wind variable the first part of the day

1821

Augst 18th day clear but in the afternoon became cloudy with thunder and heavy rain

All men employed as before John Somes returned to the Hunter's tent finished cutting the Barley etc.

19th Sunday Wind N.E. cloudy weather

20th Monday Wind S.E. clear weather

Four men employed at the Hay Barn Jessie James Knight and the woman began to cut down the Wheat Mr. Harriett looking for Horses all day but could not find them. Sent for 2 of the men who are making Hay to come home to assist in cutting the wheat the other two kept over they are working



21st Tuesday Wind S.W. fine weather

Four men employed cutting wheat in the morning afterward cooking the Barley and gathering up the ears of the ground and threshing it Mr. Harriett in search of the Horses again to day. Donald Macrae who was sick is now well and at work. Mr. Harriett brought the Horses that he went in search of John Somes and 1 of the Hunters arrived with 3 Horses carrying the meat of 3 Stags Day —

Mr. Harriett with John McIntosh and a boy went off at 9 P.M. to go in search of Buffaloes with 6 Horses —

22nd Wednesday Calm fine clear weather

all the men and women are employed peeling and gathering up Barley which the Grasshoppers have cut and left on the ground

John Somes and the Hunter returned to the tent

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Augst 23rd Thursday Wind N^E cloudy weather with low
Thunders and heavy rain
Men at home employed cutting wheat
Mr. Marriote returned back and noted with his
matape of a Buffalo all the way he went

24th Friday Wind and weather as yesterday
Men employed cutting wheat 2 canoes arrived
brought by French Men and after 10 days one of them
has just returned from war, says they fought
a battle on the South Branch River with the
Slave Indians and that they killed 25 of them and
on their side 7 men and 8 Slave Indians were killed
Mr. George Board and 2 men arrived from L.D.
in form 133rd Canoe and brought with them
6 pieces of Dried meat 80 lbs each which is sent for
the use of the Crafters that are coming up with
Goods

25th Saturday Wind S^E cloudy weather
Men employed as before
The 2 Canoes that arrived yesterday proceeded
on for Cumberland and I ordered the Seller Mr.
James McKay and another Mr. Seven to contact us
them with the 6 pieces of Provisions but they
would not go any farther I therefore sent 2 men
from the Post in those places they started about
2 o'clock P.M.

26th Sunday calm clear fine weather
John Somers arrived with the meat of 2 men
more

27th Monday Wind N^E fresh clear and part cloudy the

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Augst 27th Four Men employed at the Hay the other morning
employed in the gardens binding up the wheat to hay
in all about 300 bushels. John Somers returned to the
Hunting tent. 25 Slave Indians arrived but brought
nothing with them and they went up to the M.M.th
House to sleep. James Knight is quite unwell

28th Tuesday Wind N^E cloudy weather

Men employed as yesterday James Knight is still
unwell. These Slave Indians arrived but brought
nothing with them. They went off in the evening
to sleep at the M.M.th House

29th Wednesday Calm cloudy weather

Men employed as before 13 Slave Indians ar-
rived brought nothing to trade after some delay after
they went to the M.M.th House 3 Creek Indians also arrived
1 of them brought a few Moose Hairs to trade
John Somers arrived with the meat of 1 Red
Deer

30th Thursday Calm clear weather

Men employed making Hay and threshing
Barley. James Knight still unwell.

The Indians that arrived yesterday went
away also Somers returned to the Hunting tent

31st Friday Wind S^E fine clear weather

Four Men employed at the Hay the other 3 filling
up an old cellar in the morning afternoon or cutting
wheat. James Knight a little better to day and
is going trifling lots. A small band of Slave Indians
arrived brought a little Provisions which they traded
and went away later in the forenoon last

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Sept 5th Saturday / A strong breeze from the east
Men employed as yesterday. John Jones arrived
with the rest of 2 Red Men - he returned to the fort
again. A Cree Indian arrived from the woods but
brought nothing to trade - water in the River began
to fall off.

2nd Sunday / Wind S.E. blowing hard clear weather.
A band of about 40 Sioux Indians arrived with a
little provisions to trade the crew that arrived yes-
terday went away.

3rd Monday / Wind S.E. A third small steamer from
the ground being on fire somewhere to command
The Sioux Indians traded and went away they took
220 lbs of Dried Meat 225 lbs of Fat 110 lbs Powder and
and a few cups Wine &c. All the men at home
on account of the Indians being about but employ-
ing different jobs inside the Fort. John Jones
arrived with the rest of 2 day and 1 more Moon
man.

4th Tuesday / Wind N.E. cloudy weather
The men employed at the Hay Barn. Some were open-
ing the Curing Boat and the others filling up an old
cellar and sweeping the yard. John Jones returned
to the Hunters tent. 2 Cree Indians arrived from
George Gauthier's tent with 5 Moon Men to
trade Powder an article we are entirely out
of having traded all we had with the last band
Sioux Indians.

5th Wednesday / Wind N.E. cloudy weather with
heavy rain all day.

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Sept 5th The 2 Indians went off early this morning
Men doing very little work from the badness
of the weather.

6th Thursday / Blowing hard from the N.E. cloudy
weather. Men employed as follows - 2 making Hay 2
Hay & sawing & preparing a boat and shoveling
away earth that came out of the cellar.

7th Friday / Wind N.E. cloudy weather with rain
Men employed as yesterday.

8th Saturday / Wind N.E. cloudy weather with
rain and snow all day. Men unemployed on
account of the weather being bad.

9th Sunday / Wind N.E. with rain intervals.

10th Monday / Wind S.W. part clear and part cloudy
weather very bad frost last night.
Men variously employed. John Jones arrived
from the Hunters tent for some Provisions as the
Hunters have not been able to kill anything for
some time past. Two crews arrived and brought
some Dried Moon Wine to trade Powder with but
we are entirely out of that article.

11th Tuesday / Wind and weather as yesterday.

Men employed as follows - 2 making Hay 2
Men clearing out a small House for the reception
of officers. Cutting wheat. James Bright making
a tent for himself to live in till such time he
gets a small house built. John Jones returned
to the Hunting tent with a little Dried Meat.

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Sept 12th Wednesday Wind N.E. past clear and partly cloudy weather. Three Men employed cutting wheat and 2 making Hay. Ordered Donald McNeer to come at the put saw which by his account he was mostly engaged for which he denied doing, and is now doing nothing. John Somes arrived from the Hunter tent with part of the meat of a deer and an Indian also arrived and brought 4 Dried Hens to trade.

13th Thursday Wind N^W fine clear weather

John Somes returned to the Hunter tent also the Indians that arrived yesterday

Men employed as yesterday finished cutting the wheat about $\frac{1}{2}$ of an acre when we employed 3 Men 2 days and 3 Man 3 day

14th Friday Wind N^W cloudy weather

Two Men employed at the Hay, the other cleaning out a cellar for the Potatoes except Mr. Clay who is unwell

15th Saturday Wind N^W cloudy weather with heavy rain thunder and lightning

John Somes arrived from the Hunting tent with the meat of a deer and 1 Red deer skin also arrived from the South Branch River but no deer skins to trade.

16th Sunday Calm fine weather in the morning but in the afternoon blew very strong and cloudy weather

John Somes returned to the Hunters tent

Sept 17th Monday Wind N.E. cloudy weather with rain and thunder in the afternoon.

The 2 Indians that arrived on Saturday went away Men doing nothing on account of the bad weather

18th Tuesday A strong gale N^E with heavy rain all night and throughout the day. the houses being very leaky makes it very uncomfortable to work doing on account of the bad weather

19th Wednesday Wind W^N rain had till noon when it cleared up a little and only showered a little through till the afternoon. About 42 O'clock and 4 Men to fetch a load of fire wood and 1 Man spilling out the wheat to dry. The 2 Indians that arrived on Saturday went off in a small boat for the use of the Hunters who are tenting at the River about 20 miles below this



20th Thursday A gale of Wind W^N cloudy weather with light showers of rain at intervals. for three days past the gales and storms have been so frequent to the southward great numbers which prognosticates either bad weather or an early fall. One man employed carrying fire wood from the water side the other over to fetch a load of wood from across the river but some Indians went off with the boat and left it on the opposite side of the river. Mr. Clay prepared to go on the way to the buck wood hill and I arrived from the town brought 3 Moose skins and 113^{lb} of fat.

21st Friday Wind NNE cloudy weather from Rain falling in the course of last night

1821

Sept 21st. The Indian that arrived yesterday went away
one man cutting and then bringing him in
wood

22nd Saturday Wind N.W. Cloudy weather
Men employed variously about the house

23rd Tuesday Wind S.E. cloudy weather
water in the River is falling fast John
Comer arrived with the meat of 1 Bear and
1 Moose Deer

24th Monday Wind E. fine weather water in the
River still rising Men employed digging Potatoes
in the forenoon and afterwards stacking the wood.
A large band of Stone Indians arrived with
some provisions. John Comer returned to the
Hunters tent

25th Tuesday Wind S.E. fine clear weather
water in the River begins to fall off.
Men variously employed about the gardens
The Stone Indians that arrived yesterday traded
and went away they brought 230 lbs of Fat 3 galls
of Pound'd Meat and about 300 lbs of Dried Meat.
Three canoes arrived from the south branch to
one of the crafts had arrived from below they bring
gentle articles of Powder. One of the Hunters ar-
rived with the meat of 1 Moose and 1 Moose Deer he
informs us that the Boat we sent down to them
some time ago is lost.

26th Wednesday Wind and weather much the same
as yesterday water in the River is falling off fast

1821

Sept 28th Tent 5 men to stack some Hay that was burnt in
at the last hot weather. Engaged an Indian and his
wives to dig up all the Potatoes for which we were
to get 12 Bushels. The Hunter that arrived
yesterday returned to his tent

27th Thursday Calm clear weather
Men employed at the Hay

28th Friday Calm clear weather
about noon Mr. Sutherland arrived accompanied
by Messrs Finlayson Williams & Brown in 5 Boats and
3 Canoes manned with гарнин

29th Saturday Wind N.E. blows fresh cloudy weather
Men employed stacking wheat and oats and some
digging Potatoes. Received the outfit of food for this
place

30th Sunday Wind and Weather as yesterday
about noon Mr. Sutherland embarked for Comon-
ton House accompanied by Messrs Finlayson, McIn-
tier, Macmillan and McDonald in 3 Boats and 3 Canoes
one of the Hunters put two to the House tent A Hunter
a canoe to proceed up to the Stone Indian Camp to get
a load of fresh meat

Oct 1st Monday Wind W. clear weather
Sent off 1 man and 2 young half Breeds to the Stone
Indian Camp for meat. Men variously employed
About 20 canoes arrived and pitched their tents
at the House also another of the Hunters who
brought the meat of 1 Moose Deer. Peter Berland
a Frenchman arrived took his supplies and went off

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Oct. 5th Tuesday / Wind N. part clear and had cloudy weather
Went up to the N.W.th House to talk an amount of trading good stores and Provisions that they had on hand. Men variously employed and some Indians arriving.

6th Wednesday / Wind W. clear weather

Men employed stacking Barley putting by Potatoes. Boating up wood from the River. Rafting down some of the N.W.th Houses. Cutting and hauling pine wood &c. Received the meat of 4 animals from the Hunters tent. fitting out Truman and Indians to go and work traps apart of which, were away.

7th Thursday / Wind N^W cloudy weather

Men employed as yesterday, give a few Indians credit to day and part of them went off. Mr. Hall removed down to this Fort and brought with him the stock of goods he had on hand.

Received the meat of two animals from the Hunters tent and boat off some more Hunters to the South branch River.

8th Friday / Wind NWth part clear and had cloudy weather with some showers of rain.

Men employed nearly as yesterday, some of the N.W.th Families, moved down to day. Received the meat of a Buffalo Cane. The first of the kind we last winter. Two Stone Indians arrived with a little Provisions. Engaged 5 Hunters for the Fort and gave each of them a big gun and Rum as a present. Put by some of the best Cabbages for the winter.

1821

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Oct. 5th Saturday / Wind variable part clear and part cloudy weather some snow fell in the course of last night which made the ground white but melted as the day got up. Men employed variously about the Fort. Some Indians took all and put in 5 tents of trees arrived, some more of the N.W.th families moved down to this Fort gave the N.W.th Indians their equipments.

7th Sunday / Wind N^W clear weather

Most of the Indians pitched away to day. The canoe that went off the 3rd ultime arrived with a load of meat which Mr. Marrott traded from the Stone Indians about 14 animals.

8th Monday / Wind and weather as yesterday

Men employed rafting down building wood from the N.W.th Fort, making an Ice House, making a track at the rear side and other necessary jobs. John Ashburn met with an accident by the cellar falling in on him and buried him up to his shoulders we got him dug out immediately but he found himself very unwell after it but not any ways seriously hurt.

9th Tuesday / Cloudy fine weather but a very bad frost last night

Men employed nearly as yesterday, fitted out 2 men to go and make a Gale fishing at setting Lake, also equipped 4 of the Meat Hunters, and ordered 5 men to be in readiness with 12 Horses to go of tomorrow to drag what meat the Hunters may take. In the afternoon a canoe arrived from Cumberland with 6 men and 15 pieces of Merchandise.

1821

Oct. 10th Wednesday/ calm clear fine weather

Men employed nearly as before some of the Indians were off to day finished taking up Potatos 352 Bushels about 100 for the winter and about 100 Bushels suspended in we began to use them and about 112 Bushels from the 1820th Fort 2 Indians arrived from the Red Deer Hills

11th Thursday/ calm clear fine weather

Men employed nearly as before began to set the Roots of the Meat shed of 48 feet by 24 finished under cellar which is 12 feet square all the Muntisan men off from the Fort and men and horses with them to bring home the meat of the animals they may kill

12th Friday/ calm clear weather

Men employed working at the new stone building down wood from the 1820th Fort Two at the pit one others variously employed about the Fort Four trunks arrived with a little Provisions and in the course of the night while intoxicated one of them named the white Bear attempted to set fire to the Ricketts but being immediately discovered was put out before it did any injury

13th Saturday/ Weather as yesterday

Men employed nearly the same as before some Indians arrived to take out and those that arrived yesterday went off. The frame of the Star is now up and a few logs in

14th Sunday/ Wind N^W blowing hard clear weather

1821

Oct. 15th Monday/ calm clear fine weather

Men employed building the stone Rafting down wood from the 1820th Fort 2 Men at the pit also. Four of the Canadians that arrived this m^o went off for Camonton their families being at that place. an Esquay arrived to get his supplies for the winter

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16th Tuesday/ calm clear weather

Men employed as before. Sent 2 young Men (half brats) back with the Esquay that arrived yesterday to bring him some Provisions he has at his tent

17th Wednesday/ Weather as yesterday

Sent 2 men to the 1820th Fort and 6 men up the River in a large Boat to endeavour to find the Moon Indians and get a Boat load of Fresh Meat from them. also 2 Men to bring up wood from below the fish employed as before. Received the meat of 3 Moon Deer from the Hunter tent at the woody hole.

18th Thursday/ a light breeze from NNE clear fine weather

Men employed as yesterday. A small band of Stone Indians arrived brought a little Provisions they have been 6 days coming from their camp and saw no Buffalo all the way. The 2 men that went for Provisions returned

19th Friday/ calm fine weather

Men employed as before. The Moon Indians came in and went off. Received the meat of 4 animals from the different Hunting tents

Oct. 20th Saturday Weather as yesterday

Men employed working at the House fitting hem
white Mud. Cutting Grass for covering the House Siding
and Boating timber from the Pines. The Men who
brought Meat yesterday returned to the Sun-
tents

21st Sunday Calm clear weather

Four men arrived from the south branch
River brought a few Moose Skins. 6 others arrived
from the North side of the River brought also some
Moose Skins and a little Provisions. Received the
Meat of 2 animals from the Hunters at the
Red Deer Hills. gave the Indians that arrived
a tract of Rum

22nd Monday Calm clear weather

Men employed building the house fitting
Buck wood for charcoal and sawing. Received
2 animals from the Hunters tent

23rd Tuesday Weather as before

Men employed as yesterday. Some Cree Indians
arrived late in the evening brought a little Provision
and some Dried Meats

24th Wednesday Weather and the employment of the
Men much the same as before.

The Indians that arrived yesterday traded what
they brought took a little in debt and went off.
Sent 3 young men to hunt Geese and Ducks
before they all go away)

25th Thursday Windy & W. fine Clear weather -

Oct 25th Men employed as usual. about noon the boat
Isent off the 17th one to get meat returns without
any. They went up as far as the Eagle Hills and
Taino with a stone Indian, that went in company
with them, left the Boat and went in search
of the stone Indians, but he not arriving after
being 2 days absent and having nothing to eat
they came away and left Taino to find his way
back the best way he could be welcome and
be much disappointed when he comes to the place
where he left the Boat and finds that she is off.

A small band of stone Indians arrived this evening
with a little Provisions. No fresh Meaten the other
brought Dried Raisins to the Men and families
for the first time since the Craft arrived -

26th Friday Wind variable clear fine weather

Four Men employed sawing & planing for floating
for the house & getting Buck wood for charcoal and
the rest putting the Roof on the house. Received
the Meat of an Moose Deer from the Hunter's tent

27th Saturday Wind N & Cloudy weather

Men employed as yesterday
Later in the evening Taino whom the people had
left at the Eagle Hills arrived, finding on arriving
at the place he had left the Boat that she was
away and having no place to walk to the house
with he made a raft and put on the little Provisions
that one stone Indian brought down to the River
with him and then got on himself and floated
down in 2 or 3 days to the house, and the stone
Indian that accompanied him to the River re-
turned to his tent quite disappointed in finding the
boat

1821

27th Boat was off as he could not get paid for his services which he gave to Scante

28th Tuesday Wind N^W Cloudy weather some heavy rain fell last night.

Two Crows arrived this morning and say that they had a very heavy fall of snow which lay deep on the ground although not more than 6 miles distant we had none here. Sent off 6 young men on a Hunting excursion with 30 Horses, towards the Moon Woods in search of Buffalo

29th Monday Wind N^W cloudy weather

Sent 3 Men down to the pines to get some wood that we are short of for finishing the house 2 Men cutting Birch wood for Charcoal 4 Men sawing. Thresh laying the lower floor in the house and mudding the out side of it. Received one small Moose Deer from the Hunter's tent

30th Tuesday Wind N^W cold weather

Men employed nearly the same as yesterday

31st Wednesday Wind and Weather as yesterday

Men employed as before except 4 I sent down with the Boat to bring up some timber. The Man that went to the Pines on Monday returned having got the quantity of wood they went for but could not get it down to the River on account of the snow being laid out. Received a Red Deer from the Hunter's tent at the south branch River. and late in the evening the young Men who work off on Monday returned with the meat of 3 Buffalo which was all they saw.

1821

Nov 1st Thursday Wind N^W part clear and part cloudy but this being a particular day with the canadians and to make no distinction I have given all hands a holiday. See driving in the River. 2 new women and 3 children arrived almost starved with cold and hunger

2nd Friday Wind and Weather as yesterday

Men employed mudding the roof of the house and laying the floor. Received the meat of 3 animals all from the Hunting tent. A Crow Indian arrived brought some Moose skins and provisions

3rd Saturday Wind N^W cold weather much snow driving in the River

Men employed as yesterday. Received the meat of 3 animals from the Hunter's. The Crow that arrived yesterday went away to his tent

4th Sunday Wind N^W cloudy weather some more fell in the course of last night which covered the ground

5th Monday Wind N^W fine clear weather but cold

Men employed as before. Gave the men a quart of Rum and a dance in our new house one of the Hunters arrived for a man to negotiate to his tent the other Hunter he was living with before having pitched away and left him -

6th Tuesday Wind N.C. cloudy weather with thick snow Men employed building small houses for themselves to live in

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