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were the most among them from the latter not better could be expected but I ever say to me the others behaved themselves more like Indians and the worse of Indians than like civilized beings professed the Christian Religion - one Captain and in particular a stout raw boned Higgin should himself to be both a brute and a scoundrel had not appear to be much drunk but was going about nearly the whole of the night way laying the others who were more around him himself and could not afford themselves. He had nearly murdered John Hudson a good natured gentle inficious half breed son to Gov. Hoxson for no other reason than Hoxson while along the voyage had on various occasions beat him to his duty and while at Cumberland Hoxson had offered to fight him which And had not the courage to do but now that his canoe was round by the gun he had marks he watched an opportunity when Hoxson was both drunk and laying down to belabour him with an axe blow in a most deadful manner. Hoxsons head is cut and mangled most shockingly one there is a cut on his right eye and another on his left ear that nothing but an aged instrument could inflict - which under possible almost certain that And had at first used the hatchet itself previous to his taking the axe out of it. Hoxson back and left arm also is most terribly bruised and gashed much of his arm comes to have the full use of his arm this circumstance I regret much but I must prevent me from it having never imagined that And who is a most powerful man though I understand he has a wish to live some would watch an opportunity and behave so scandalously it is the first time I had ever cause to be apprised of a Countryman and I was not backward in telling it to And. Bonaparte also was at one time noisy and began a blow to poor little And that for some time with and him unfit for duty I was not present at the time but

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on being made acquainted I reprimanded Bonaparte and he has the sense to go quietly to bed. Laurentine and Parmentier also were different from what I could wish them but like Bonaparte not different from what I might expect them to be, several of the Canadians also were drunk but I had no cause to be dissatisfied with their comportment and of the Europeans Captain and was the only one that misbehaved much.

4th Tuesday) The weather was more cold than usual but in the forenoon at twelve four men arrived from Green Lake they were sent by Mr. Heron for Parmentier and left that place on the eve of new years day - and as they did not partake of the Titl I gave them four punds of Rum and in addition to their usual rations a quart of Wheat an equal quantity of Barley each with some Potatoes and a bladder of Beans among them the people of the Fort were making preparations to commence operations to morrow and in the evening had a race and a few glasses of Rum in the Hale, Mr. this evening that of the servants being over gave a treat to our Indian Hunters and they drank very quietly -

5th Wednesday) The weather continues fine and mild. Mr. Heron was in the morning sent to run am with David the man in charge of the Hunters hunting between Green Lake and this place and with him was sent the Green Lake man who arrived the 31st last our three Indian Hunters named Tie the Belly and the Fishers wife were sent a hunting and with them I believe Bonaparte also goes they have two men with them and seven others were sent to the other Indian camp whom Mr. Rogers with two other men will follow in the evening. From Mr. Rogers influence with the Sioux Indians I am in hopes that some fresh meat will be got from this band, and I apprehend we shall secure as we can get, for our own Hunters are so much in want that I have no great hopes from them. Their families remain here about

1825 about noon I bought around and contrary to what I expected
I brought 170 Mink Rats. In the afternoon the two men
who on the 7th Nov. were sent to Edmonton with the two
women arrived and every thing above wear as favourable
an aspect as could be expected. Mr Rowand must approve
of my having purchased and sent up those furs as soon as
the like effect will be the effectual preservation of the
place from either insult or attack from the plain Indians
or our people with hunting being molested either winter or
summer and if so the few things given for them in payment
has not been misapplied. The Saulteaux, Baa Meat and an
Indian who has nothing to do arrived but brought very little
and from the former who brought last I expected a good hunt.
~~17th~~ Thursday) The weather continues much the same and
the four Sioux Indians who arrived Tuesday returned with
each their bags of pemican. Laventure and Belbeau also
went off a hunting they will follow the tracks of the two men
from Edmonton until they find Buffalo somewhere about
the salt springs or perhaps more. The two Indians who
arrived yesterday went away in the afternoon a small party
of Sioux Indians I believe of the Eagle tail band arrived
they slept four nights among us appear to have brought
very little.

18th Friday) The sun from weather still continues. The little
Hunter and Baptiste Paripin the two men who arrived
on Wednesday from Edmonton are this day to have been
sent off to join Laventure and Belbeau but they were not
ready. The two Indians who arrived yesterday are again off.

18th Saturday) The weather still continues to be fine Baptiste
Paripin and the Indian tea Hunter were sent off to join the
other Hunter Laventure and Belbeau and a number of
Beaver Hill men arrived. Hunger having succeeded in driv-
ing them from the woods toward the plains. They are
now encamped at the foot of the Eagle Hill about fifty
feet

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tents strong and have there made a Buffalo pound they are
to the south side of the River shortly after the Blackfoot com-
ing party had Rats over people and the same party in returning
killed the Crows of a number of their friends and now that they
know where they are it would not much surprise me if a
strong party would soon come down to attack the encampment
unless for the winter traps set by them committed last fall.
This Crows now arrived brought a little Game but no Furs or
mountaining and they had the Rat traps that were in the fall
left Bayard Coulter a worthless half breed that gambled them away
nor would it surprise me if he has gone away with the Red Dogs
that were left him in this manner. He was then with a very
industrious & honest man Francois Amiotte, and I expected some-
thing of a good hunt from them. The Rat traps etc. were left
for them. A Hawking tent of Crows came from below and into
them came the Badille at wife and his two sister -

Sunday) The Crows who arrived yesterday went away and
with them the Pipe stem and Indian who came along with
Mr Bird the 27th October the Baa Meat wife and Mr Bird's wife
remains here their husband are gone to the Moose Woods to hunt
Beavers and when her last worn Steel traps were lost there
in the evening Beaverton as foreman and his son arrived Com-
pletely starving they brought a few Furs and slept four
nights coming here from the camp.

18th Monday) The weather is cold and a little snow falls. Andree
traded the few Furs belonging to himself and brought some
others belonging to his brother in law a certain Chatelain to
to whom a canoe of Beaver was sent in all which he had
of old being now paid.

18th Tuesday) This was a very stormy cold day in the morning
Andree and son went away and I gave them a little provision
to take with them nothing further worth notice occurred -

18th Wednesday) The same cold weather continues and I can
not comprehend what retains the people gone to the Stom-
Jordan

1835 Indian camp or the others gone with the Hunters.

Sat/13 Thursday) The weather continues equally cold and nothing particular occurred here, the few men at the Salam always occupied in the same manner, Poni and some chopping and hauling fire wood, and Bared in the kitchen. Hodgeon is now getting better and this day made a washing tub.

- 14th Friday) The cold weather continues. In the evening Mr. Rogers his son Mallette Gavall and Mr. Duff arrived from the Sioux Indian Camp, Harvey. The two Indians instead of being as was expected able to supply our people with fresh meat were completely starving themselves and our people which they remained thus starved also six of them passed with Mr. Rogers this morning a the rock island and are gone after our Buffalo Hunters.

- 15th Saturday) The weather is become a little more mild and in the evening Ballendine and Ponsault arrived and had each a small load of meat, they are from the place where Bonaapte is alone hunting this side of the other hunters, and their arrival was very opportunely as being entirely out of fresh meat three days back, they say Buffalo are abundant but none of our Hunters will stay late at night daytime Frasier and Breyer also arrived with meat from the our Hunter tent. They left Sioux this morning and the weather being very cold and so not very agreeable I fear he may get froze.

- 16th Sunday) This morning Mallette Gavall Ballendine Ponsault Mr. Duff and Frasier were sent to the Hunter tent the latter two they being unfit to remain there and the others to return with load of meat. Johnson who started off remained behind and without sustaining any injury.

- 17th Monday) This morning the three men who arrived Saturday and Johnson who arrived yesterday morning were sent off to the Hunter tent for Mr. Johnson wanted to remain

on account of the weather being too cold but I gave him to understand that as he was paid the wages of a man I expected he also would do the duty of one in consequence of which he was off with the others.

Sat/18 Tuesday) Fine mild weather four men arrived from Sioux Lake their ninth day from them and with them came David an the man in charge of our Hunters employed on the Sioux Lake trail whom he says kills very few animals and he also says that animals are very scarce when they are but towards Sioux Lake itself the people coming from them inform us that animals are abundant and that if there were 100 antelope there they might kill plenty but unfortunately it appears that no Hunter here as yet has sent from Sioux Lake though it has been upwards of a month since I was going to understand in a letter from Mr. Kelt that he had given instructions to that effect and until they come the transportation of him can not go on. The people of this place are literary doing nothing but was I to send a party of them with him they would require all the provisions collected by the Hunters employed by this place and nothing would remain for the Sioux Lake people and without provisions they would certainly eat the Pinons. Mr. Butterfield has arrived and has killed a Red Deer near hand.

- 19th Wednesday) The weather was unusually mild for the season and in the morning the four Sioux Lake men returned loaded with each their bags Ponsault and Ballendine wife followed in course of the night the Badger and his wife went for the Red Deer he yesterday killed two parties of deer arrived both Starving and the most malignant despite I can see in party is from the same quarter where Gavall and Chatterton are whom they left Starving and as they themselves not arrive to night I scarcely think they could survive till to morrow.



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increased the others less in number are from the same camp where the other Chatterton is and he has been reduced to rattle his eyes and was nearly starved to death when they left him, we gave them all a dram, and what they stood much more in need of some meat but sparingly being apprehensive that even they to get too much they might overload their weak stomachs and become sick.

Jan 26th Thursday / The weather continues moist the sun and at this hour in the evening like a blinding暴風雨 and youn arrived from the Hunter tent with a full load of meat and shortly after them came Lapeno whom I visited out of the houses and advised of moderately they were brought the load on foot nearly four days coming from the plain when Mallette and Lavall left the night they left here on Monday and it was partly want of his present returning to him they remained behind the others and partly on account of former misfortune while with old Bruguer at the Stom Indian camp I turned Lapeno out of the house.

- 27th Friday / the remainder of the people who arrived last night were sent off to the Hunter tent and part of the Indians who came on Wednesday and off some of them again to the Beaver hole camp and others have returned to the plain from whence they came. In the evening the Belly and an other of our Hunters arrived they brought some meat for their families and greatly complained of the people Evans, Goulet and youn sent with them to hand the meat to the camp and say that Mallette also would perform more labor than all others -

28th Saturday / the Hunter with their families returned to the camp and one went to Lapeno's cabin and Baker to come home with a load of meat and old La M'longer Goulet and youn will remain there. In the forenoon Mallette and Lavall arrived here with meat and with them came Bonaparte Dagenais and Goulet and in the evening Ballouin Plymouth Bapt Varripien and

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Lidean La' Haute arrived loaded with meat the latter having sent for an account of his wife who from time back has been affected with a brain fever and was never from quite crazy she is a half breed woman and though brought up with Indians was one of the most cleanly and industrious of this place and perhaps appears after mallette wife the most of any here -

Jan 29th Sunday / This morning Mallette and Lavall being the two in whom most confidence can be placed were sent to remain with the Hunters. The former with the Goulets and the latter with the half breed Laurentine and Leibbeau. Hattie's much meat has been wasted at the Hunter tents and scarcely a good person came here owing in a great measure to the carelessness of the people remaining with the Hunters but in these two men confidence may be placed and they will not only be industrious and careful of themselves but prevent the others also foolish at the tents from wasting and as on winter animal will be allowed to each man coming home I can say what whether they waste any or not. with Lavall, Primrose was sent as an assistant and old La M'longer Goulet and youn with remain with mallette - Ballouin Dagenais Goulet and Bapt Varripien were sent to the our Hunter tent for meat. Antoin & hattie arrived a most miserable object completely starving he was along with his brother in law and it is now upwards of a month since they killed an animal and the little provisions I gave them in going away from here is all the palatable food they taste down then they have ate all their dogs and for some time back had nothing but old leather to eat to Antoin & hattie himself I gave a palatable meal but he had not strength to return to his family who are on their way here along with Goulet, in consequence of which I sent him with other meal before them.

29th Monday / very fine mild weather. In the afternoon Duval and old Ballouin a fine man, Bruguer, Farren Johnson and

1825. Mr Rogers has arrived with each load of meat than found
away from the Hunters tent, they left this place on Sunday
last and came from a day going thru through the other
Larrelt and mallette who had given off on Monday this
got them on the forenoon of their second day from him
I am told that the distance is but two small days march. In
several regard at other people for their attorneyship that I
abused old Dulew and gave him and Bruxer each a day
in the face and sent the whole except Mr Rogers to bed
immediately without allowing them even to unroll the
dogs - In the afternoon he gathered a half load loaded on the
south branch River arrived and with him came some Indians
and the Indians here one of the Indians brought seventeen
Beaver skins but the other nothing. Frasier and family also
arrived and with him came Trotter Chatton family also
completely starving and I never saw men more miserable & ugly
yesterday I got intimation of their being near heard scarcely
all the day and had sent a man with some meat before
them and it was high time, had they got got that tiny
apartance last night it is probable they are now worse
than caps, and there is still one old woman and her daughter
I immediately sent Bougarn with a little meat to relieve them
in the event of its not being already too late.

Jan 25th Tuesday / Fine, mild weather Boing and returned he found
the old woman and her daughter still alive but not able
to walk but soon both that he made wived them and they
arrived here in the evening. Bougarn at long last came
off on family and it was half time one of the Indians the
Black Lip that came with the Yathlans and you on a visit
submitted to him last eve by Mr Allen & D'Von of Fort Riley
mentioning roughly their sup arrival them but nothing
as to prospects with good or bad said it was then too early
to form any judgment.

26th Wednesday / Bad snow we awoke in Lethbridge and the Indians
who

1825 who came with him all but the Hunter whom I sent him away
off and old Dulew can also he is now gone to join Bruxer
bring an old saying and of no small truth that Bird of a
feather flock together -

1825 Thursday This was a very boisterous day notwithstanding what
the Southeras bad meat and the Hunter are sent to Fort Riley
with letters. It is long since I wished to open a communication
with that place and there was an understanding on our self
that Factory between Mr D'Von and myself that he would
send him in December but as he as not done it I concluded
that he could not find a Guide and it is the want of a Guide
that has prevented my sending longer now -

1825 Friday The weather is cleared up but is still cold - The little Hunter
gathered ears and four stone Indians arrived, the latter lost a
little Purvisins, and toward evening Balladon Deynair
Trotter and Baptist Parupin arrived and with them came from
Walker, Yathlans and Lapaneer with each a load of meat the latter
four I sent back immediately this being thus fifth day from
the Hunters tent and they remained a day then I sent -

1825 Saturday / Some more snow fell and the wind was high ended
from the N.W. The stone Indians went off and Deynair sent and
Baptist Parupin returned to the Hunters tent for meat
Balladon remaining here sick but I sent some iron wood cutting
for heat in place of sugar - From the stone Indians now you off we
understand that the Plain tribes have killed another poor
Indian and have taken the arms of seven men & horses -

1825 Sunday / A little more snow fell and the four men who
on monday last were sent for meat returned with more
of meat and with them came a poor Indian from whom
we learn that the Bear Hill ones and a great many other
Indians are encamped close by our hunters he also informs us
that there are no animals near that place and considering
the manner in which they are hunted I will believe it
our own people inform us that shooting very little game in

1825 remaining at the Hunter's tent

1st Monday cold weather this morning the people who yesterday arrived with me returned to the Hunter's tent and with them McHarrist, he is gone to command our Hunter's soldiers to comport themselves as they ought and to get them supplies from the other Indians also to purchase some dogs from the Stone Indians or men who are encamped there Ballindine still continues sick and Beugard is chopping fire wood in lieu of him whom in the place of Ballindine is gone for what he has of Ballindine Dogs.

2nd Tuesday The weather is still cold, the Stone Indians arrived from above they inform us that the whole or nearly whole of the Stone Indians are now encamped together with the ones on the north side of the River and all staring a sure proof that this will be one year of revisions - now what all the Indians remain together can they submit themselves otherwise than in a starving state from hand to mouth and they are too much in want to separate the Stone Indians have now this winter killed two stone Indians and have sold the sum of thirty Dollars which has created just an alarm among the whole that it has caused them all to resort to the same place - bullet one of the men who went off on Saturday for meat has this day returned sick and he has a sickly appearance. In the evening a One Indian arrived from the south side of the South branch River he slept seven nights coming and is the first of the tribe I have this season seen that appears to be thankful for the attention generally shown them - In general though they bring nothing they consider it as their duty

3rd Wednesday The stone Indians and one that arrived yesterday returned to their respective places of residence and Dagenais Baptist Parupon his brother and brother arrived with each a small bag of meat and with them came Laontus who I understand has killed four bears the whole

of which he has kept for himself he has three killed bear which he shot himself and has given nothing but \$300 for the use of it. but I did not see him for he did not come into the fort and I would not send for him, but I dont want to offend by the people going off tomorrow deserting him if it was true as reported here that Laontus had received all the cows he killed for himself to take one Bull from him until he had first given the meat of his cows for the use of the fort that being the reason Mr. H. is said he resided for himself. In the evening Mr. Harrist arrived he found the Hunters encamped along with the Stone Indians and in consequence decided to go to the Stone Indian camp from whom the Hunters had separated of their own accord and Mr. Harrist has sent them in a different direction from whom the Stone Indians are going, towards the Bear Hunting Lake & I am glad of it for the Stone Indians are much troublesome to our people situated with the Hunters, and takes them of part of the meat that was scalded, left at the encampments and Laontus, and the Hunters reported to Mr. Harrist that the Stone Indians threatened to let our people go in that direction of the whole of their things if we did this and they are sufficiently disposed to perform what they threaten and of all the Indians I but the stone Indians as the most vicious and most disposed toward the whites. This may be partly owing to the nature of the beast, and it may also arise and it may be little over from their having so little of any kind to trade as not to feel that benefit from an intercourse with the whites most other Indians as and they are so much in want that they take advantage of every opportunity to get supplies either by fair means or by force as they find themselves strong or weak and of they consider it with impunity as could have any chance of success without much endangering them selves I have no hesitation in believing they would freely attack the fort and so much for the sake of killing the white

whiter as for plunder, and a little benefit is derived from the property of this establishment attended with so much danger that in my opinion it would be good policy to abandon it at least for a time, it is then the Sioux Indians would feel the consequences of their violence long continued toward the whites -

July 5th Thursday) The people who arrived yesterday with meat and off again this morning all except Stetson who unknown to me remained under the pretence of sickening, and as far as can be judged from appearance it is nothing but surmises, for he has as good an appetite and appears to have as good health as any man at the fort - but his appearance of a voyage at best and in winter is not worth the notice he gets -

4th Friday) Antoine Chatelin with his family went off to the Beaver Hill camp also the little Shuteris with his wife and his son father and mother in law followed the two women and the 25th Mr. Stetson remained here also, and our and family no without dogs can be stir and he as most of his crew, the wife and their children of the 13th meal you to Fort Riley with litter also remain and another woman sister to Mr. Bird with her three children which with a sick woman of Antoine Chatelin still remaining here making supernumeraries I believe eighteen and there is besides the and Parry's family fed by Laverne, thirty six men women and children of our own dependent on the fort for provisions -

5th Saturday) This afternoon Dr. Dr. Dubois, Dr. Darrin, Apin and Johnson arrived with good loads of meat, they complain much of the Sioux Indians who are about the plains in great numbers and have killed other people now arrived of part of them load they have also taken meat from the bags left at Laverne's tent to which near about a hundred tents of these vagabonds are said to have gone to encamp and it is

1825 is supposed they will take the whole of the meat remaining there another party it is said to have gone after our own Shuteris and if so it would appear as if aim purposed to make us share like themselves a small party of Sioux Indians are encamped along with Beauspin and Mr. Pudens son, and it appears that two of our men Tigrana and Brugier have avoided their duty and remained there in their premises tent but what their intentions finally are is not yet known. I can scarcely think that their frument will continue to harbour them much less have incouraged them to leave the service and yet both is possible there being no crime that a half breed is not capable of committing

July 6th Sunday) Fair clear weather. In the afternoon four men arrived from Green Lake, but one of them has neither dogs nor a horse consequently to have sent him was superfluous as he will not be able to bring a load in returning the Shuteris that Mr. Stetson was to employ is not yet upon the trail nor do I now expect them but our own Shuteris have a little boat loaded at their tents which will enable us to send all the pemican now remaining here in one trip, in consequence of which I gave load to the four Green Lake men who had horses and also to three of our own men. Had it not been for the scarcity of horses along the communication, the whole of the pemican might have and would have been landed at Green Lake long since.

7th Monday) This morning seven men loaded with each three bags of pemican were sent to Green Lake and two others with Laverne for meat. In the afternoon four men arrived with meat and with them came Mr. Rogers son and Mr. Duffe the latter appears to be sick they are all from Laverne's tent and complain much of the Sioux Indians who have robbed them of part of the meat but considering the starving state in which all the Sioux Indians are I am more surprised at their not having taken the whole than they took part of it many of them are so reduced as not to be able to walk and the rest of them have had recourse to

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- 13rd Dogs fished for sustenance a rare instance among the Stone Indians our two brothers Joseph and P. Bryan have left the camp and are gone to the Stone Indians under the protection of Justice Carter.
- 14th Tuesday) This morning three men went out to the Hunter tent and took others to where Parrott is now remained with Larimore, and two others I kept him to go to Green Lake tomorrow.
- 15th Wednesday) very fine mild weather, two men went out to Green Lake with letters for Mr. C. Campbell and with them came the woman of whom mention is made the 24th Next day will be Sol's day to visit the arrival of her husband a western California man Francisco Moretti. Late in the evening the Indians sent the 25th out with letters to Fort Belly around and brought back the letters, they got encouraged at the depth of the snow and did not proceed more than half way, when they found an Indian camp where they remained a couple of days and then returned and so as both suspected and as expected at their having returned it being of consequence in the present scarcity of Provisions that Mr. Moretti should be made acquainted with it and there is no other man that I know the road.
- 16th Thursday) very fine mild weather. Late in the evening two men Larimore and Bapt. Rogers arrived with letters from Edmonton and the same scarcity of Provisions prevails there as here with equally little hopes of procuring enough. Mr. Rowand did not add a single ounce to the stock of Provisions on hand when he wrote me in December and there was then found a load and less to make fifty bags of flour and an equal number of bacon for fifty men and there is even for the regulation of English River alone 108 bags of flour can still be wanting independent of the necessary supply for lumber and board, Norway houses, Split Lath etc. and what will be required for the craft passing in the spring, not a few if the number
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- people of the Columbia and Upper Slave Lake come this way as reported to your Factory.
- 17th Friday) The two men sent on Monday to Larimore tent arrived with some meat and with them came Lovell and Rowand who were remaining there collecting the meat. Larimore has come and for the present is given over hunting, the fall can be killed and reserved for himself were altogether taken by the Stone Indians. Again this evening engaged the Indians to bring meat to accompany one of our own men to Fort Belly with him and they will be off in the morning.
- 18th Saturday) The weather still continues to be very fine and cold. This morning two men were sent to Green Lake with letters conveying information of the same scarcity of Provisions being prevalent at Edmonton as here and I intended to send to Fort Belly also but the man I engaged last night would not budge this morning in consequence of what I sent Rowand the man that was to accompany him and Lovell to the Hunter tent to bring either Captain Chatterton or the Belly one of our hunters both of whom are supposed to know the way to Fort Belly and sent the Hunter to the Bear Hill one and then Indian camp with some flour and a message apprising them to be upon their guard Mr. Rowand having written me that the Hare tribes intended to pay them a hostile visit in February, and in the evening the Bad meat came in and of his own accord offered his services to go to Fort Belly at which though I pretended to make light of it I was much pleased, it not being certain whether Captain Chatterton or the Belly can be prevailed upon to go myself by that they know the road.
- 19th Sunday) The weather continues equally mild and fair as usual and in the morning Bapt. Rogers and the Bad meat took their departure to Fort Belly with letters which I hope will this time reach their destination. Mr. Rowand I fear may not be pleased at my having sent his man but

1825 but I had no other alternative than either to wait him out
or wait the arrival of some others then being one all man here
now and the season is so far advanced that any Hunter
may be of consequence besides I am altogether uncertain what
any of the others may come we ought to have heard from
the Hunters on Thursday and I have been daily expecting
them since their absence from the long delay can furnish us
news of when they may be expected and I apprehend that
their long delay may be owing to some antoward Indians
or another. The Stone Indians I am told are badly disposed to
us & as it is not certain but the Horse Indians
may have fallen in with them —

Feb 15th Monday A few Indians and his wife arrived from beyond
the south branch River but brought nothing and take the
others they are starving. I scarcely think there is a more
miserable set of people than these ones on earth —

15th Tuesday very fine mild weather, towards evening Bruneau
and Baptiste Parcipient arrived from our Hunters whom they
left early. The Buffalo it is said are now all gone off toward the
south and not one is to be seen in the auction our Hunters
are in one of our Hunters sh't Belly shortly after dark went
had some skins arrested and is gone to the Bear Hill camp
and the other two for we have now but two remaining are
going toward the Shing Woods in hopes of finding more
and less deer. A number of cows and two Stone Indians
arrived but they brought nothing but a few very skinnt
skins. They inform us that the Stone Indians are now up
rating into several parties and some are occupying the River
The one tribe that had they remained on this side of the River
when they might have had equally well, we would now have
plenty of meat. Bourgignon and Mr. L'Hour are with our hun-
ters and as no good there I am told that Lafraire is with
them but intend returning to the Stone Indian camp I am
met in its proper place to state that yesterday two men

1825 arrived from Green Lake bearing of the Indians general supply.
Wednesday the same fine weather continues, the remaining
part of our people who were for want arrived and the whole of the
crew and their Indians who arrived yesterday took their departure
all but one on an the two whom I retain as a hunter, and he will
be off tomorrow along with the two who is known as a hun-
ter. I was not a little surprised in the evening to see Baptiste
the man who with the bad meat went off to Fat Belly the 13th
arrive — The bad meat remained at Lethbridge and was
pursued no further, however a young man who say he knew
the road having just now arrived we shall make another at-
tempt tomorrow —

17th Thursday This morning our two Hunters engaged yesterday
with us men and women ten went off to hunt about the hills
mountains beyond the south branch it being supposed that
there are animals there and Bruneau with an Indian went
and to Fat Belly with litters and towards evening our three
men who on the 7th were sent to Green Lake arrived this fore-
day from thence. Mr. Bias and Bellandier were sent to the Bear
Hill on camp specially to hunt the hunters we having none other
means than to engage a number of Hunters and by that
means endeavor to get a stalk of fresh meat collected before
the Buffalo along other than us the Hunters the only being
as Mr. Bias wife along with Bellandier and to the Eagle Hills
where it is supposed Buffalo are still numerous and return him
himself along with an Indian —

18th Friday The weather continues equally fine as usual. The three
men who arrived last night were sent to join our Hunters among
the south branch River, and towards sunset I was surprised
to see Bruneau arrives the Indian accompanying him
arrested but another brother to the one very opportunely
arrived this evening and we shall give it a fourth and
last trial tomorrow. The two men who came from Green Lake
with the general of help on the 13th were this day sent back

1825 and by them I sent the sum of \$1000 requested by Col. Nick 1825
in his letter by Dr. Douglass. This sum ought to cover him in
the arrival of the general uprising from York Factory but it is
uncertain when it may come and Col. Nick writes me that
he is much in want of these two men and rather than dis-
charge him I myself will forward the compensation in
sums

July 19th Saturday) The weather was more cold than yesterday in the
morning. I immediately accompanied by an Indian was ap-
pointed off with letters to Fort Pelly and in the evening the four
men sent to him 24th the 9th & 12th but arrived -

20th Sunday) The weather was fine and warm, and this being the day the four men who arrived yesterday were allowed to come
home resuming themselves -

21st Monday) The weather is becoming more cold than for some time
back. In the morning Mr. Miller and Lavelle were sent to make
out two Hunters across the River we are doing, and this night
four men who arrived on Saturday were sent to the other Hun-
ters across the south branch River. In the afternoon the
Baptist who on the 13th inst had made his traps
but sent no letters to Fort Pelly but agreed to pay him
lands & guns account. His wife and children remained behind
them and he informs us that this is the fifth day since two
men bearing the York Factory had paid the debts. They were
then staying at the top of the Dige and were much afraid the
Indians gave them the side of a dead Deer which was all they
themselves had at the time. The Indians however did not see
them to bring hunting. Otherwise he would have brought
them straight to the Fort by a beaten track there is any
loss in getting this information. I immediately suspended
our and sent them with 6 Indians before them two men
with instructions not to sleep but travel night and day
until they met them. They however proceeded but a few
miles down the River when they met them and both parties
arrived

arrived in the evening. There ten men are Sypie and Brown and they
have not started as reported by the Indian, but in passing at
the Indian camp they represented themselves as much more in number
than they really are. Thinking the Indians would be more disposed
to supply them - The Esquoy left York Factory 26th December Norway
House long Cumberland House 7th Feb^r - It brings no very par-
ticular news further than that the whole of the celebrated party
by remaining in depot at Norway House was induced to return
and the fat burnt, this took place in the absence of the English
men in charge - Mr. Alexander Robertson who had paid a visit
to his fishing -

16th 23rd Tuesday) The weather is becoming rather more cold than usual &
nothing particular occurred -

23rd Wednesday) Very mild weather but nothing particular occurred

24th Thursday) The weather still continues to be fine four of the men
who on the 17th were sent with our two Indians and Hunter arrived
all returning since their separation from here they are not so
much as a fresh track and they have ranged the country as
far as the Moonwood. Then they found some Indians (ourselves)
staying the Hunter with the remainder of the men are going
to another camp of Indians further on in hopes of getting some
thing to eat being already too weak and ill and tending the fire
desirous of returning without eating. this was like a death
blow to us all and our last hope now remains on the Esquoy
that may be engaged by Col. Bud and the two gone to hunt in the
string and Samson no longer hunts for us and in the
morning went off along the old trail and is reported to be
as great a scamp as most of the country people last Sunday
he got drunk and was very evidently threatening to kill. I at
one time by the assistance of Captain Marshall and Col. Davis
turned him out of the Fort thinking to leave him there, but as
he does not appear to be very drunk and might climb over the
Fort walls and perhaps perform what he had threatened. I
got him tied and clapped in the Ice House when he had time

1825 to reflect and cool himself and thought it was Sunday I sent him 1825
and to make a pair of handcuffs which I found fitted well and
they were very opportunely made for on getting Mr. Leaverton
got loose and out of the Seal River and about midnight came
into this place as he said to surrendered himself and apologized
for his conduct I immediately handcuffed him but as he did
not resist and seemed sorry and said he had no recollection
of any thing he either said or did I bound him but told him
that if I forgot what was past he must no longer consider
this far as his residence though he may where he thinks proper
come with meat to his mother and brothers

July 25th Friday / This morning smallette and Favall arrived from
the Hunters with each a load of meat. Then the Hunters war-
ters and Fishers who have killed six animals and complain
of the people, all arctic land expedition men, stationed with
them whom they say are trying nearly keep the meat and leave
great part of the other half when the animals are killed and
they loudly call to have them recalled and others sent in their place
if this is really true and I shall know it from the Hunters them-
selves when they come. I shall charge the whole of the most
amount of the expedition and request Captain Franklin to
charge it to the present amounts of the individuals concerned.
A small band of stone Indians arrived but as it appears to
have brought much of any thing, however as an encouragement
for others to come they will end up with a small present of
Gins and they are not remarkably quiet. In the afternoon
four men arrived from Seal Lake bearing letters from McNeil
and late at night a couple of canoes and loads of the others
leaving

25th Saturday / This morning the green tent men came and loaded
with a thousand pounds of bear and a bag of boulders equalled
by McNeil after more stone Indians arrived and also a couple
of canoes from the woolly hills but neither of them brought
any thing worth mentioning, however being anxious to get
the

the stone Indians to make provisions and there were here being the
best of the tribe that went to this place. I conducted them with a
little liquor, a little venison fish but the weather continues bad
Tuesday the whole of the stone Indians and the two men went away
and late in the evening Mr. Bird and an Indian the last I saw
arrived. Mr. Bird has engaged four Indians the last at the
camp and one of our former hunters the Billy who some time
ago deserted. They are to hunt in the Eagle Hills and Balladine
remains there with them it is said that Buffalo are still
abundant there.

28th Monday / This morning Favall and Lorne with their families
and McNeil were sent to our hairy wood. It enters the two
former are to remain there collecting the meat of deer animal
as many to be killed and smallette to come back with the four
men remaining three of whom the Hunters complain
In the evening the Hunters sent off the 17th with the remainder
of the men accompanying them also arrived having they
killed but two animals during their long excursion and report
that they have never known animals to be so scarce they
have seen several Indians all of whom are starving —

March 1st Tuesday / This being the first of March and the day of St. Patrick the time is
appointed for the general exodus from all quarters to reach this
place I have notwithstanding as yet had no accounts from either
Lynn Star Lake Akshayak River or Fort Billy Districts. This
day forwarded the exodus to Cumberland House from whence it
will continue on to Fort Garry

2nd Wednesday / Very fine mild weather and nothing particular occurred

3rd Thursday / The same mild weather continues and the Hunters
who arrived on Monday are again gone off and with you the others
engaged by Mr. Bird to whom the last are you of will bring them
and with them are sent dear mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Weston etc.
Entom. Dr. Dr. Johnstone and Doctor four of them are to return
as soon as they can get a load each and the others will remain
with

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Mar⁵ Friday / The fine weather still continues and this morning Kogum
and Baptiste Parcier were sent down to the River to purchase and
for making traps for bear it being now certain as that he
had no time to wait to get them onto the Concourse.

5th Saturday at day light this morning de lais Baptiste Kogum
buttons and down soon sent off to Edmonton the two last
and as some kind of account you having obtained the other
so long

6th Sunday / The fine weather still continues. Mallette who
McKings Hunter and spouse arrived from the Otway and
Hunters and has back brought a small load of cloath and
from the quantity brought him it appears that there is too
much triste in what the Hunters expect that their people
have wasted meat out of 140 Buffalo and from memory
that the Hunters kills there was but 1900 to wheras there ap-
pears to have been at least 5000 & such is the gains made by the company
by having among nearly the whole of the good and faithful
servants they had in the service and there were many both
Europeans and Canadians at present there is not what may
be called a real good man at Larder, Mallette the best of
them being now getting must the war and here Battledore
and Baptiste Parcier are the only ones that can be called
even tolerable, as for the others one good man would in-
surely perform more labour than the best three of them, and
from being bad they will continue to be getting worse that
corruption so common to vagabonds is now become almost ex-
tinct, and exists no where nor is the time for an instant when an
honest experienced guide has taught the company that it would
have been better cheaper and less expences to have allowed a
little more wages to those who would have been interested for
their service few of them now remain whether Europeans or Can-
adians think of the duty they owe them employers further than
to avoid committing such glaring faults as will subject them

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to be fined, if they so far exceed it is all that they aim at much as
has said about the expenses attending families but it is in a great
measure among other I have and the feeding of the people of last year
though there are but few families and more traps will this year cost
the company more than would suffice for their time the number
of persons admitting they all had families of such people as was
common all over the country when the coalition took place -
this year we have eleven Hunters employed and it is the num-
ber of 11 hunters and not the animals killed that constitute the
expences but was then a few interested enough men to prevent
these hunters with but even tolerable men to hunt the number
to the Fort any four of our present eleven Hunters would provide
us more meat than we would require. This may appear paradox-
ical but is nevertheless true and will be self evident to any one
acquainted with the Indian country, with good men very hard
is impossible while with bad men the best laid plans generally fail
in the execution and the summer voyages so much talked of is but
trifling and of short duration in comparison to the winter when
Mar⁷ Monday / The weather continues still very fine about twenty
Stern Indians arrived they appear to have a little provisions and
as encouragement they got a little liquor - but when they are yet at
few of them seem much to care for it and yet it is the first thing
they invariably ask. In the evening Remaule and the Indians
accompanying him to Fort Belly arrived completely starving
having ate nothing during the last five days. They were not at
Fort Belly but returned from the Montagnais as I now believe
an Indian camp also starving they then found Indians on their
way home with letters and with them exchanged information not
being able to proceed further for want of provisions, when they left
this place I but scarcely supplied them for they could not carry
much on their backs but I gave them ammunition and tobacco
to trade from the Indians along the road but all the Indians
they saw were themselves starving. At 6th Don't later in even
35th Augth at which time he had no provisions nor any prospect

- 1825 getting away, the Stone Indians being starving about one.
 March 8th Tuesday/ This morning Ballendine was sent with ammunition to our storey wood hunters and who are staying instances & from to join the rest of the people with our Buffalo hunters whom according to the report of the Stone Indians have killed many these animals. The Stone Indians after trading what little they brought about four hundred pounds of Beaufort meat and were very anxious to return again before the snow melts but we expected news whatever can be heard in what they promised and I can scarcely give a greater instance of the poverty to what they are assured than by remarking that they gave themselves and horse had no food since last Fall few of them purchased any nearly the whole of them having to live on nothing but ammunition in pay for what they brought
 9th Wednesday/ It snowed all day and in the evening five men came from somewhere below and they are the first I have yet seen since my arrival here that do not complain of having starved. They however brought no provisions and very little of any thing else and something to eat was the first thing they asked -
- 10th Thursday/ A stone Indian and his wife arrived they were soon away coming and are from the Elbow on the south branch River when they say Buffalo are abundant but none of the Indians in that quarter have any provision nor have they a horse but hunt the Buffalo and kill them with bows and arrows -
- 11th Friday/ The ones who arrived the ninth went off and nothing particular occurred here. Hoagdon is constantly employed preparing the wood, Baptists Parcupsin and Lutie etc. continue sick and Bourgues and Devin are occupied around chopping and hauling fire wood.
- 12th Saturday/ A couple of cows of a very meager aspect arrived from below like most of their countrymen. Starving one of them is from the man of many wars one of our old
- 1825th Hunter but neither of them brought any thing
- March 10th Sunday/ The Stone Indian and wife who arrived on Thursday are now gone off and Farrow arrived from our Elbow Lake track hunting. They are killing very few animals and are now leaving the track and going toward Lake Superior.
- 11th Monday/ Four of the men gone off the 3rd inst arrived loaded with meat. They say that animals are abundant and that the Hunters killed twenty, but that the Stone Indians who are means near hand robbed the people of part of the meat and were very near killing some of those two of the Hunters the Billy and another have arrived and the others have received the River and are now encamped on the North side about Canyonwood Fort. In the evening Ballendine and three of the four men gone off on Tuesday arrived also from the same place. This is the second day and they brought valuable good loads also capturing instances. Ballendine says that he left seventeen animals on the scaffold and there were soon other three Cows and four Bulls dead on the plains ready to be sent for while on the south side of the River in the Eagle Hills the Stone Indians were very troublesome to our people took some of the meat from them and pillaged Mr. Intosh and Johnson of part of their clothing but while Ballendine was alone by himself no one molested him though daily in the habit of seeing Stone Indians they compelled themselves with the difference between Mr. Intosh appears to have originated some years ago in an old quarrel at the fort along with Ballendine came three Stone Indians of the walking band party, they come purposely to occupy themselves by sparing from having had any share in the pillaging of Intosh and Johnson and say it was ours of the band called powlin this purports that ours but whether it was ours or not makes very little difference the Powlin ours are a mixture of Stone Indians and ours and they partake much more of the nature of Stone Indians than they do of ours who though not of small value to the company as hunters have long since given themselves to

1825 be the best disposed towards the whites of any Indians in the country, and as our Hunters are now in the said track of all the Sioux Indians that will be either coming or going, I intend as a measure of security to send Mr Rogers to remain there having much influence over the whole and while he remains there I do not think they will attempt to annoy any and as the Spring is the time they are most numerous it will be a certain means of protecting here for his influence goes.

Mar 15th Tuesday / This morning Mr Rogers and ten accompanied by seven men went off to our Buffalo Hunters tent and the Indians who arrived yesterday and also the two who arrived the twelve went off to Belcourt and the three men who were with him having performed their voyage expeditiously I allowed to remain - Mallette to-day. Louise son and John Chattleton arrived from our Stony wood Hunters the three former brought small loads of meat and the latter camped a sick woman remaining here since the 14th Lang with them came also an old Crow Indian.

16th Wednesday / This morning Mallette McSea McHinie and Guntarous went off to our Buffalo Hunters tent the former to remain there and the others to return with a load of meat. McDuff was to have gone with them but on getting up I found he had remained in pretence of being sick. He is however unopponed we have here and God knows there are others with much.

17th Thursday / The day continues as usual preparing the for mending traps and basket being somewhat occupied we sent to cut hops. Baptiste Parissier who for some time past has remained here sick and Mr Duffer were employed to cut out blocks of ice for our Eatons. also towns Chattleton son and the old Indian that came with them returned to the Hunters tent and Mr Rogers son who since the 16th Lang has been with Bourneau arrived he brought

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Tuesday / very cold weather and the snow is nearly melted from off the top of the hills and if it continues the Indians will be many the people are employed as porters and in the afternoon two men arrived from Green Lake their fourth day. Mr Hinch is now there on a visit and he writes me that the Sioux and the is far short of being weight but as he has weighed them with a steelyard perhaps not very good and it being below particular without much care that anything can be weighed with much nicely with steelyards and as we weigh them with scales perfectly good and weights divided from English bay weights I must still consider the weight as sent from him to have been good. This man informs us that our Hunters are no longer on the track and are you too and Rogers's Lake and I will have to give them provisions from here to last them to Green Lake.

18th Saturday / very fine warm weather Parryup and I off were cutting large cakes of ice to be put into the Ice House. In the morning the two Green Lake men went off on their return home loaded with each their bags of pemican and about noon Laramie arrived from the Stony wood Hunters tent he brought 160^{lb} meat the weightiest load brought here this season and in the evening eleven other men arrived from our Buffalo Hunters and among them were Mallette, Guntarous and McHinie who went off the 16th. McSea has remained at the Hunters tent and Mallette load weighed 160^{lb}. Laramie and Dufour each had 330^{lb} the others brought but very small loads and the whole weighed 3300^{lb}. Fraser informs me that during the absence of 43 days the Hunters killed fourteen animals which makes the total the tent always nearly the same a Stone Indian and his wife also arrived and brought a little Poundred meat my 15th.

20th Monday / the weather continues to be very fine Laramie returned to the Hunters from whence he came and soon other went off to our Buffalo Hunters for meat the four

1825 other men who arrived yesterday I alone remain here
they having performed the trip in four days and I consider
a good principal encourage them to be expeditious had
they waited themselves so in winter we would not now have
cause to avoid a want of fresh meat on the Harry. The Han-
ters tent is more than twice the distance from here they were
in winter when not up there eight and often ten days
were taken to prepare a trail. The Stone Indians are away
off and Mr Duff who as yet has arrived no service relation
to the Fort I sent off along with the others gone to the Buffalo
Hunters. Mr Peader this day spoke to me about his
son and expressed a wish that he may be allowed to remain
at the Fort to assist him in making traps but to this
I could not consent but told her that in consideration of his
wife and his other children a poor family I would do my
best as not to hurry him off and provided he kept quiet
out of my way I would be as well satisfied after a week off
in ten days hence as regards the sum of apprehension he has
no wish to go and see his too indulgent Father and will
be in the way in the spring.

May 21st Monday / This morning Mallett, Draper, McRinger and
Gastaveson went off for meat. Goulet and Beaufreux were at
spying Ice and putting it in the ice house and Gastaveson
sick. Mallett's wife was delivered of a still born child. In the
evening Mr. Hain and Mr. Bidder, brother in law arrived from the
Hunters camp the former we considered as one of our best
Hunters and always concluded on his being the last that
would leave us but were disappointed and I concluded that no
adventure can be placed in any of them the Hain is com-
bined on partners of our eyes.

22nd Tuesday / Peter Goulet and Vercappon were employed yesterday
water in the Fort House so as to melt the snow from
into a compact piece of ice. two true children of the frozen
air and they brought a few furs which they traded and went

off immediately

23rd Wednesday / people employed as yesterday. In the evening Dr. Peader
arrived the principal man stationed with the bear. Goulet & G.
Hunter arrived, he says they kill very few animals what are
very scarce and this added to their being no longer on the trail
in the course of his having left them. I have been for some
time back wishing to send for him. No bring information
that Bazile Goulet one of the half breed who was here
in November died lately after a short sickness, his mother
and families are with our hunters -

24th Thursday / This morning Goulet was sent down to the river
for a load of fables and Goulet was sent to the same place to get
some gun. In the evening twelve men arrived from the Buffalo
Hunters they all brought very small loads and about fifteen
and Mr. Duff brought but 392 lbs between them scarcely what
one man ought to bring at this time of year. The Hunters
have killed fourteen more animals since last account from
them. Both Goulets and Vercappon have remained their since
being but the Lea who remains their last time is come back.

25th Friday / This morning Mr. Bouchard and Dubois were sent to Green
Lake loaded with each three bags of Venison. Goulet also
was to have gone but is not arriving but ought presented it
Mr Peader his wife accompanying them part of the way. He goes
to our Hunters tent for his grand mother and the children
of his deceased uncle Bazile Goulet six men were sent to our
Buffalo Hunters. Spina also was to have gone but he remained
here on pretence of being sick. Goulet and Goulet arrived
from below the former loaded with skins and the latter took
a little gun -

26th Saturday / This morning four men went off to our Buffalo
Hunters tent and McRinger who changed with Goulet
to Green Lake with three bags of Venison and with him and
Mr Peader son, it being a mistake in me to note that he
went off with the others who went off yesterday -

1825th Tuesday) The weather has been rather cold for some time back and still continues so and yet we have had less than the 32° and 23°. The people coming from the Hunter tent saw both bears here and ducks.

28th Monday) The weather is cloudy and is becoming milder Hazen and Gould our employes carrying the heavy packages and Kevin and Parcifer putting more Ice in the houses two men arrived from Green Lake with letters on their way coming they saw bears and inform us that a number of our crews has lately been there with provisions and also some bears and from them also we got one of the White feathers of the Leather Black foot chief which he sent me I requested him in winter to get that pipe stem from the Indians that conformable to a description of old Howard it might be sent up to the right owner.

29th Tuesday) The weather was equally mild as yesterday and more sunny and at the fort the people were employed on the numerous light men arrived from the Buffalo Hunters they brought moderate loads and information that the Hunters have killed less men animals than Gunters continues and that Gaetin remains there also sick or rather under pretence of sickness for the plain truth is if any action can be put in the money lent by Belenden and which is confirmed by the other men from there that neither of them is sick but through laziness pretended to be and Belenden having sent for some medicines I sent him a whisp as the best adopted to their sickness of any here —

30th Wednesday) This morning the eight men who yesterday arrived returned to the Hunter tent and then others arrived from there the weather is becoming cold and intended to have sent the two Green Lake men back but they remained as it were by accident and very fortunate for a small band of men and two stem Indians arrived and brought a sufficient quantity of Pounded meat to make six bags of bacon they run up as far as the Red Deer Miles but are now stopped other three Indians and two men encamped together in the camp of the Bob and Indians in Battle River they informed us that when they left the Red Deer Hills about

1825 days ago the little Sioux and Nick a half breed were with a party of other cans and their families gone to Green Lake heavily laden with provisions and also some furs this Sioux had along in course of the winter with provisions his party usually find much more provisions than all the rest of the cans put together and am glad he has so far done the migration work from here as to return and it will be fortunate if as the Indians now are he say his party is large and heavily loaded it will make up in that the quantity sent from here is short of the requirement and with much less trouble and expenses than if he had come here and we had to force and the Indians to Green Lake also Steven aid not with convincing those cans having been at Green Lake but from his hairy tent on the Pipe stem of the Battle Black foot chief which was taken last fall when the man was committed and which I know the little Sioux to have had I know that he had lately been at Green Lake but was ignorant that so many others had been with him.

Mar 31st Thursday) The weather was very cold and a little snow fell the two Green Lake men took their departure with each 165 lbs Pounded meat - wheat when perfectly dry I estimate at 150 lbs and 136 lbs grease and the other man who arrived yesterday in fact returned to the Hunters tent for another load and with him went Baptiste Parcifer who for some time back has remained here sick. Hazen and Gould are still employed sawing leading for the rigs that are making 73 long and 74 short and Kevin hauling more Ice to put into the Ice house the two men who arrived yesterday all went off and also soon after came from below I omitted to mention that yesterday Mr. Braden ten arrived and we have seen the family of the auncle Hazel Souter consisting of his mother and son a lad of about eighteen years old and another lad I suppose about a Rogers. for some time back they remained with our Hunters but will now they having no one to provide for them remain at the fort.

April 1st Friday) The weather was remarkably fine and we paid 10.00 to I purchased in the Ice house and have not much more remaining

2nd Saturday) The weather is become more cold than yesterday the whole of our people sixteen men in number who with the Sioux are at our Buffalo Hunter tent arrived and brought the unpleasant information that the whole of the Hunters had in the night time unknown to them deserted and carrying they had no women with them I am more surprised at their having remained longer than that they have

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Officer it is long since they used to be off and not a man or
woman left what brought traps & traps carrying many things
to be sent them but as I was aware that their intentions were
bad as soon as they had got the required supplies, I hastened
for their women and children I thought it best to send off
but I found what I did not mean plentifully to them than
any other and refused paying them for their kind until the
whole was over and they came to the Fort themselves and to
this salutary precaution I finally believe we owe their having
remained so long the Indians that were sent them to Hounds
they took with them back the animals they killed without
them pay for them and I have no doubt but they will come
here in the spring to be settled with their being something
due to them all excepting the Belly and the Coss who unfortunate
ately were equipped on engaging them. The Horse after a
of a few days has returned them and is now com with our
people from the quantity of meat 1800^t bought him I find
that there was but very little meat remaining at the fort
which is a great disappointment for the people coming
from there invariably informed that there was much
meat remaining at the scaffold and when last he engaged
a doubt whether the whole could be bought in ten trips
was admitting good trade was brought and this at the time
under his own impressions whether the Hounds could
or remained. Mr Rogers informs me that several of the Sioux
Indians came frequently to the camp and always camped
themselves near nor among Mr Rogers residence there did
I hear complaints of the Sioux Indians from anyone Mr
Rogers tells me that a party of Sioux Indians and coss among
to steal the Horses of Lamonton some of the coss lately arrived
from there being well acquainted with the Hounds when the
Hounds are generally kept and act as leaders to the others
from the party of coss and Sioux Indians who came here
on the 30th ult^r I understand that a war party of Sioux Indians
and coss has lately been off but though I then thought the
war more likely to have gone a horse stealing than a war
I little suspected it was our own Horses they were going to
steal but imagined that they had some thoughts of finding
people with Horses about the Onion Portage as last year

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being unopposed in finding any that might proceed in search
of one of the Sioux Indian Horses among that party of men who
came here was our little Hunter and Desputed he would inform
us truly as to the intentions of the "war party" war party said
to have gone off. But I find he is equally weak and but little better than
the other Indians he will know whom the party of horses among
and he also knew it was the intention of the Sioux Indians to come and
harm the spring when the traps are set and Hounds long dead
but did not inform us of it and it was Mr Rogers that first made
communicated the knowledge of it to me and he learned it from
his brother the very crooked who came promptly to the Hunter
tent to inform him and advise him to send me word. I understand
since that the little Hunter cautions the Indians to be
cautious and have a good eye to their Horses. But the Indians
desire themselves kept the whole secret from me and was it
not for Mr Rogers own Horse might have been stolen —

April 3rd

Sunday This being Easter Sunday the people get a team and
wheeled cart which of late are seldom but they frequently gets
wheats which with a bush like is ground into tolerable good flour
which though the meal is none of the best enables them to live
tolerably well. The weather continues cold and in the evening in
had an extraordinary strong Gale from the S.E.

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Monday the weather is still cold early this morning started
and five others went off to our Stony wood Hounds and when
the sun was two hours high Laundin with three others
Gustavus Spener and Mr Duffe took their apertain to go
to the other Hounds with whom Laundin had passed the
winter Laundin himself was ready and had his dog taken
when it call late work off but had to wait the others
Laundin was employed putting men to into the labor
Bennet was employed working in the forge for there is scarcely
now to be seen that no other but him can as that I will be
under the necessity of suspending with his services in the forge
and I have already bound Laundin as an assistant
to Mr Lea Dagmar and I have been employed cutting and bring
ing home Woods and the other as usual —

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Tuesday This cold weather this morning Bennet Ballou
and Dagmar and Mr Lea were sent off to the River below to
square timber for our Bastions there now here all excepting
one being of any thing worse than none think —

1825 were employed cutting cedar wood several years and have been
Tasson is hauling wood in his place many bear were hunted
and on Wednesday four miles eastward and a number of bear and two
are flying about. The three men who on the 25th ult were
sent to Burn Lake arrived they were soon at work and
remained a day there Mr. Brown writes me that by his calcu-
lations one of the bags of pemmican weighed but 77^{lb} instead of 83^{lb}
and the other from 86 to 89^{lb} but both Aborigines and traders
asserted that he weighed them and took some thin pieces on a
sheet of paper which they were very particular in weighing
not one of them weighed less than 74^{lb} and but only two or three
all the rest being 92 & 96^{lb} most of them 96^{lb} but on this as
specifying these weights at their being so weighty I having
told them they were but 90^{lb} he told them there was 5% to be ad-
mitted for a piece of board he weighed each and this state-
ment agrees exactly with the weight sent from Bear mkt
by all means for the difficulty of weighing correctly with
such a load that I am disposed to credit it and am not only
so far as we have been fully convinced that the whole of
the pemmican sent from him even falls 90^{lb} each and this day
Mr. Brown weighed the weights with which the pemmican
was weighed with the Beaufort weights and found them exact
by tally and this last statement sent by Mr. Brown con-
firms our allegation it being uncomprehensible to me why
he should send me a statement different to what he found
them to weigh, or if this was conformable to his belief you
cannot why should he at the time of weighing them put down
a statement different from what they actually did weigh
These people inform me that Mr. Brown told them that about
fifty of our crows had lately been taken from whom he got
fifty seven Beaver skins and a good deal of other furs and a good
train of Provisions and he also told them he expected some other
Indians another that would not much surprise me and both Mr.
Harrott and Mr. Ross you think it very likely that some of
them may go thence along with the crows it being from
their present camp equally near for them to go thence as
here and attended with his ranger of meeting the plain
Indians but if they do go this thing with the crows they

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will once they know the road by themselves afterward and in the
summer to even carry the contents of the Fort along with them and when
I go up the trail to Burn Lake it certainly was not my intention
that encouragement should be held forth to the Indians etc to
go Mr. Brown mentions nothing of this to me nor could I infer from
his letter that he has seen anything done of late as circumstances
that impress me not a little it being known to me that the
whole of them are about at this place and which debt in giving
up the crows I requested him to get paid at Burn Lake some of the
traders here were sick at that place when our people arrived there and the
people of the Fort told them it was then the custom to pay some sum
was stopped the people being required night and day to guard the
Fort -

April 7th Thursday The weather continues very mild and the snow is melting
fast. Malahat Brown and Benten arrived from our trading
wood hunters they brought 770^{lb} wood and say that animal are
very scarce, the other two men Tasson and Aspin have remained
there waiting a load. Dabois has commenced wood cutting, and Bourge
has resumed the threshing business.

Friday) The snow ceases so fast that the Hils open to ligers to
get hair an Indian etc Bad Brother in law has for some time
past been collecting our Horses and this day found two that
were not seen since last November and there is still one missing
This morning sent people for the others already collected but
they did not bring all.

Saturday) The weather continues equally poor and many
Gum Indians and Dunks are flying about and the Indian are
few more for the remainder of our Horses. The Indian and one
man to search for the one still missing and the other goes to return
with those found yesterday. In the evening they returned but
the Indian and brought them of the Horses the find on that do
Mr. Donald had to Burn Lake they say is not able to walk. The few
men who were squaring timber returned they squared fifty two
Logs and say that such timber as they acquire is very scarce
I omitted to mention that either yesterday or the day before Mr. P.
Brown and Boyd leather son also went off I believe to the end of
of being leather and the people for the first time saw my
arrival here asked passing in to see me and I with pleasure

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1825 granted them the use of the Halls and being few in number,
gave each of them a cask of rum & some tobacco and
a knife and very common with them that professed the armes
and I was glad to see them so friendly.

April 12th Saturday The weather continues equally fine and amidst
the Indian who was in search of Horses returned and brought
the Horse with him, he is the best conditioned we have, in
the morning a canadian arrived from the south bank
but he brought little or nothing with him he is brother to
the Indian who for some time was hunting forces between
ff Laval and I know arrived from the Etions wood Hunt
They brought 300k of meat and say that animals are very scarce
and very little hope of getting more meat from that quarter
Aspin still remains with the Hunters and Laval being a
frueman has come to get himself arranged for Rethunting

Monday, the weather is now becoming very mild. The day
is bright even at night & I this morning sent Léonie, Mallette
Ballouard, M'Nugue, M'Intosh, and Baptiste Pariseau up
to the grand lacune a sugar making the latter three are to
return when the necessary rough materials to repair the fort
as it drops from the trees are made and M'Nugue whom I send
as a kind of protection in case any of the stone Indians do
come there will remain with Léonie, Mallette and Ballouard
and M'Nugue has instructions that in the event of any stone
Indians passing there that may be coming to the fort to ac-
company them and the others as soon as the Indians are
passed and out of sight are to pack up their things and re-
turn to the fort it not being on their way here but on their
return that I apprehend the stone Indians might be trouble-
some. There will be accompanied by an Indian St. Pierre be-
thorn in law was sent to bring our horses down towards
Sturgeon River so as to be out of the reach of any stone In-
dians & here there that may come to steal them, they
will follow the River upon the ice until below the yellow
banks in order that as possibility may exist of following the
tracks Barrow was employed trapping some snipe that
are close by the Larden and Dagenais and St. Léonie assisted him
in making the necessary traps in Dabois I tend to assist
him

1825 14th Tuesday in setting his traps a going St. Leonie and Dagenais
as usual cutting the wood and St. Léonie and Martin chopping and
hauling for wood. Hezron as usual continues at making traps
and is always very constant to his labour and yet he comes out
poorly and this day made but six traps though the wood Hezron
and all was perfectly prepared before hand. Laval and Pariseau
are getting arranged to go off that Hunting and the whole of the
men are gathered to the adjacent lacune I have given them all the
means to work where they please thinking it more for than
that any part of them should consider the lacune exclusively
themselves

April 15th Thursday Very much wetter and we had some thunder and rain
Barrois, Dagenais St. Léonie and Martin were sent down to the lacune
to procure more wood for the Bassins, and the others remain-
ing here were employed as yesterday. St. Léonie who on the 13th
left was sent with a message and some tobacco to the two Indians
and Bear while our camp arrived he had then and a half fathoms
of snow which was intended for the snow furnished men but in-
stead of proceeding to the camp as directed he remained at the camp
of Barouard and St. Léonie for both traps like himself and
then struck the Island and took a young wife a half breed girl
daughter of one Ballouard I believe now in the fort nor can I say
who is most to blame him who remained in there who furnished
him. That camp as been the worst of all unhealthy fellows it was
then when Léonie and M'Nugue directed the service they did
that time remained four or five days from the time our people
coming with meal passed there until their return and is as
frequently been a want of theirs since particularly one of them
Laplace since then in this evening had a bad fit in getting to
this side of the River a boat that was left on a sandbank in the
middle of the River when people last crossed in the fall and it again
the whole of us except Laplace and St. Léonie and all —

15th Wednesday I carried most part of the day and the women sugar
makers had an alarm having heard a kind of rumbling noise
which they supposed proceeded from a party of plain Indians or per-
haps stone Indians and most of them came to the fort in a flutter
but the main or reality was made by Laventure who is always a
tiny bugger. Perrault arrived and left St. Benoist in law
with the horses near the Sturgeon River they went down as di-
rected upon the ice as far as the yellow Banks and some tracks
remained visible there being water upon the ice I think the horses

1825 while they remain there will at present be perfectly safe with
and want of all those things -

April 14th Thursday The same fine weather still continues and the men
continue sugar making and it is the only novelty that
occurs - Stokton and Johnson being occupied in usual cutting
cord wood & others preparing meat Hudson Hulley as usual in
very large traps casting fine wood and would occupied in
the kitchen who though not used accustomed to acquire
himself ends. Primault I believe was with his wife
any sugar for I did not see him all day nor did I think of
him - The Hunk is gone off He did not come into the Hall
since the day of his arrival but remained in Parry's
House Mr. Harris took his blanket from him and his
wife is nearly naked -

15th Friday The weather continues equally fine and the Ice
made a general move but is not yet altogether broke up
In the evening we hauled up the Hile the Boat brought on
Monday to this side of the River and though the labour
somewhat less the labour was far that of that of Monday
we also turned all the other boats that appeared The women
continue making sugar and some of it is very fine -

16th Saturday The weather is still continuing equally fine
Mr. Springer Mr. Hulley and Baptiste Parry arrived from
the Grand Sioux they made no troughs nor brought wood
to the place but remained there perfectly idle. In other words
appear to have done little or nothing and I ascertained the
quantity of sugar they will make if any will be very
small oil will much more easily mix with water than a
Fort our Prairie man will follow the instructions given
him, when they left this place I was very particular in
telling each individual of that party the different duties
they had to perform in order that no difference might
arise among themselves but no part of my instruction
was obeyed owing as they say to a flood of water coming
down the Hile that would render any labour they could
make useless but the flood of water is now subsided and
they report that a considerable part of the maple trees are

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injured last fall by the fire started by the Blackfeet man being
an attachment the four men who on Sunday went to the Sioux
having squared a hundred logs on the four sides which is enough
as much as we require. In the afternoon a number of people appear
ed on the Hile opposite which we suppose to be our Indians and
the people with them. I imagine they consider the Ice as too bad
to attempt crossing and are encamped above the Hile from tents

April 17th Sunday The Ice in the River altogether broke up and swept along
which rendered it impossible to cross the people who came yesterday
to the opposite side of the River. The women this day seem to
have got more maple water than usual,

18th Monday The weather continues still equally fine and the River
closed up so as to enable us to cross the people who came to the shores
yesterday Saturday they are accompanied our hunters Goureaux and
his family Aspin Laverdiere, Guérard, Spina and McDuff. The
strong wood hunters killed nothing since Lavalette left them
and the others but two animals since Laverdiere joined them.
Parry also was there and crossed over to this side he visited
the other side shortly after the Hunters and I was visited at
home for having harboured our deserters Laprane and Brugier
and more particularly since than the Hunk that as an ex-
ample to others I turned him out of the Fort. Rowou in
application being made by his wife to come in I granted her
suspicion and they are lodger in one of the Halls. Having
frequently mentioned that Parry and Mr. Hudson live in
together and his reference to their camp I conceive it a just
hur to assume that it does not appear that the latter had
any share in harbouring either of our deserters or the Hunk
nor have I heard complaints of any kind of him from any
one since his departure from here to Sustutl and under in
December and had his whom left here expressed any desire or ap-
ologized for the conduct that was the cause of his being removed
from the Fort I would have forgivens him and allow him to re-
main there. Jarroo arrived from Lavalette with information

that they did not kill a single Bear since their departure from
here on Tuesday and as there was no probability of his ever
killing Bears whether he should return to the Fort or not
and I told him need to remain as long as he could find
means

1825 means of subsistence it being possible that he may take a few
that when the Lakes are perfectly broken up I understand
that there is great want at the hand factories where
Beavers with their Batts and Battalions are and are the
opponents of many that the fur has been killed by a party
of plain Indians who must have been there and have kill'd
our people but for my own part I cannot believe that
there is the smallest reason of any plain Indians coming
down that far while bearing stone Indians and ours are
extremly tame and us our two strong wood Indians and
the two others employed to hunt for the transport bring
buoy now here all of whom I believed used every caution
in winter and have been perfectly attached to their engagements.
I this evening in order to prevent their having an
opportunity of asking me or them a present of four buoys
bring each one of four Buoy which as mixed to them made
Twenty Buoys of mixed Buoy and they dealt very quietly all
excluding some old women attached to the Fort who had invited
themselves to the Fort made a confounded noise and were
very troublesome.

April 19th Tuesday / This day took up a man on St. Ann bark to the
order to ascertain whether the report circulated yesterday re-
garding our men be true or not and he found them perfectly
safe but anxious to return and they might nearly as well
remain here for all the good they have done. McIntosh Mr.
Intosh and Pringle all are employed wood cutting and the
other dependent on the Fort as usual there who arrived
yesterday are allowed to spend themselves

- 20th Wednesday / The weather continues very fine and our men
make arrows and brought about a lot of faggs they were
full ten days too late going there and consider themselves
as much in danger that during the first few days they
scarcely do any thing and it was nothing but fear that no
brought them for the Maple still continues to drop and the
men of the fort this day experienced very little diminution
at their different houses - I this day got Mr. Harriss
to speak to the Indians and endeavor to prevail upon
them to go up the River on a hunting excursion with
a party of our men so as to get a Boat load of fags but
they are too much in dread and could not be persuaded to

1825 risk themselves and indeed our own people are nearly equally
apprehensive for though I myself am perfectly convinced
there can be no danger in visiting any plain Indians even
supposing there was a war coming down. They never can
while they attempt it to help the Beaver Hill men and their
Indian camp situated on Beaver Hill and there can be little
doubt at this time of the year of finding Buffalo on the banks
of the River this side of them and it is the only place from
whence we could have any chance of getting fresh meat and
we are take 5000 ft short of what is required from next winter
and I shall be obliged to return the arctic land expe-
dition people to Cumberland House from whence they came for
buoy now easily caught them they cannot work and I expect
much they can come here the fresh meat given them being
more than sufficient to last us to embarkation and have
a supply in the Ice House for the summer -

April 21st Thursday / This morning sent Gordin with five men to make
a Battalion of twenty feet long to cover the arctic land expe-
dition people to Cumberland House from whence they came for
buoy now easily caught them they cannot work and I expect
much they can come here the fresh meat given them being
more than sufficient to last us to embarkation and have
a supply in the Ice House for the summer -

McIntosh and Pringle and Barron who from
time back has been sick is getting better and will tomorrow
begin to the Plough. Late in the evening Mr. McIntosh arrived
from the Plains he was one of those sent down the river
yesterday for a great load of timber and come for a crop cut down
to divide the Logs they not being yet cut into proper length.

- 22nd Friday / This morning Baptiste Paraspine and Pringle left
their dug out near for Edmonton with letters on St. Ann bark and
Paraspine and his son in law Dupper for you with other part
of the way and then separate. Paraspine and his son in law to
go to the River somewhere opposite the Horse Plain there
make a canoe and end a week to kill a few deer and also
Intosh returned to the Plains with the rest and saw Hoagins
continues making nails. Barron began to make a long
foggy chopped and hauled fire wood. We made up the Indians
and in search of the Horses belonging to themselves that stayed
last fall and has not been seen since James arrived and brought

1825 April 24th Saturday After leaving the place with his party much above the St. Law but him and his men often keep the trail open. I venture you to when our horses are traps below. I was not aware of his going or would prevent it as it will be opening a track to where our Hm are and may be the means of their being taken and Indian to Sault Ste. Marie arrived from the south branch River and a poor emaciated creature he is (he is however a good Hunter and has the possession of many of his countrymen this winter he brought a fine bear)

April 25th Saturday This morning Faro returned to when he left Laval and in the evening late both arrived, not long after Faro left Laval four Indians had been stolen and the others four in number came immediately to his camp but did not attempt to rob him of any thing he saw them others in the course of a mile and he supposed them to be Slave Indians. I am however disposed to think them other Indians and perhaps even less so for they the less considering them as a tribe are naturally good than an rogue among them that equals the other Indians themselves. The Indian who arrived yesterday went away and Ham chick and the Reagonson arrived without having found the Glass - the people here were at work yesterday and in the evening Mallette and five others arrived from the Pines with a Boat Load 35 pds of timber for the Batture -

26th Sunday The weather always continues fine but the nights are cold. In the evening rather late four canoes arrived from the south branch River all four Slaves and they brought very little of any thing -

27th Monday This morning Mallette with the others return to the Pines for another load of timber. I have continued at the plough or rather making a rough harrow deck. Hodges has resumed the big mowing business Mr. Ringin and Johnson continuing cutting wood and

1825 28th Tuesday Davis and Davis cutting and hauling fur and in the afternoon Lillie and Salter two of the men who left the place on the 5th return from Edmonton on Horse back their fourteenth day and they are not in an Indian river there but in their journey up they saw numbers of the fish and deer below Vermilion on the north side of the River a place they never went except when either driven by hunger or on their war parties and they told me rather well from our people a little a Capot and a Blanquet. Mr. Davis has got but little provision but considering circumstances has made a good trade of furs and has sent a party of furmen with the Payans who promised to take good care of them and bring them to a French Country.

April 29th Tuesday Mallette and party arrived from below with a Boat load of timber and McLean and Stetson also came they having finished sawing the necessary boards for the Batture which is coming up by hand planed by a few sturdy Indians not far from here which we suppose to have been lighted by some stragling Horn there along with our people one who had come two trading Indians they are from Lac au Hambras and slept two nights at the Pines

- 27th Wednesday This morning Mallette and party returned to the Pines for another load and Salter with Dominguez Faro were again sent to Edmonton with Letters and to assist in bringing down the Boats three of our Winter Hunters Ham chick Fisher Bits and the Little Hunter took their departure to join the Grand camp of other Indians and one the families of the two former has been there ever since January and had the former his family here he would hunt for the summer and highly certainly the best that could be had I gave him a note requesting Mr. Reward to give himself a passage should he be along the River when the Boats pass -

- 28th Thursday A strong cold North westerly wind and a little snow fell in the morning Mallette and party arrived from below with another load of Batture wood and the remainder of those who on last Thursday were sent to make a Balsam are now at the Batture and the same is completely finished -

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January arrived from below and this morning left our place safe but he say that in coming up he saw opposite the Yellow Banks the tracks of a party of Sioux men but he was so much in the despatch that no faith can be placed in any part of what he says and I believe the whole to be a man nothing it cannot certainly be plain Indians now is it likely that any party of Sioux Indians than them would be on their back the people here were occupied around and in the evening I gave them a dance and after sleep of them in the Hale -

April 2^d Friday / the weather continues fair but not warm and the wind is in general strong and from the SW. I this day am the whole of the Arctic land expedition men with the exception of Hocayou whom I retain here as the only one who could any impact has rendered any service being off to Cumuland House. and it was no easy matter to get them off there being not a sober man among them but old D. and though countrymen of ours I was glad to see them off and while I remain in the country would never willingly wish to see so many of the same Clap together again, few of them can perform the duty of a waggon nor as they know what it is. and though of little service if not strictly kept under them is not one of them that would not be troublesome. I can not however say that I fear them insidious but had I given in in one point when they first arrived here there would be no such thing as managing them and when in Lijew they are more troublesome and noisy among them than any Indians I ever met with I sent down the Black to the Pines for another load, and old Chetah and the Little Dog one of our Green Lake track. He comes up with their families also London ton. and by them I sent word to our Man Kippe if they met him not to come to the Fort but go away with the horses to camp out and thus wait until I pass in the spring. B. was the only one that did any kind of work all the others having joined in making money with the arctic land expedition people from us to their departure -

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1st Saturday / the weather continues the same as usual and the people here are variously employed doing little John the people who went down in the boat yesterday returned with another load. Ballardin is now making oars. I having sent him word to get twenty four good ones and his traps man also there most and Dagenais and Guillaum whom I have sent in place of Gouani Lantier squaring wood for building a second house

May 1st Sunday / the weather continues same as usual and the River is yet very low I think more so than any time last of late. Mr. Bonapart arrived. He saw no those tigers nor do I imagine there is any new bear about but he made but a poor hunt only thirty five musk rats and he lost a trap more than the value of his hunt -

2nd Monday / This morning five men were sent down to the lower for men were Frasce and Matthes common Ploughing. Bernard & Hadson laid the foundation of a block the upper part of which I intend will serve as a Bastion for the defence of the inside of the Fort. the entrance to it will be from the Barn of the House. Bouyard made a Harrow and Lander and the women were employed cutting lotuses for said Lander was sick and has not been well since his return from the land going Iamidum and old Intah are both much in the sum now and though both were employed in sowing the garden they might for all the labour they performed have been idle - In the evening the big croche a principal leader of the Lower River stone Indians and the quarter center a leader of the Long Head band with a few stone Indians and three dogs arrived but they brought little or nothing to trade. and one of the ones is the Coco. one of our Hunter's debtor. he brought the sum that was lent him but still owes part of what was given to him in debt. none of the others came, but the Billy is the only one among them that owes much and they are each of the others that have more due to them than the value of the horses they took away. The quarter center is clothed in a Chepo cloathing and Laced Hat given by Mr. Heron to some of the crabs of this year that have gone to Green Lake from which it appears that opposition is not still at an end. But such

1825 such valuable presents were not necessary to move the Crows away from this place. Longfellow having made this about 7 them came to Fort Lethbridge in the early part of the winter I then thought the company would be anxious by their own account and I still think that the Indians however better & more than if they had been able to reach supplies. But I certainly never thought that death would be botched than over them here and an attack to the Indians. Find that the Lakota was garnished with ten Black Fox tail feathers and I am no longer surprised the Indians should be fond of going when they get out. I have often heard much talk of economy but the Sioux nation is the only part of the country when I have seen it much practised and it is a duty I saw the Indians of this Nation to remark though they in general kept Indians well for what articles they bring to trade. They give less guarantee than I have sometimes seen in N. California. The Sioux Indians and Crows have been killing over Blackfoot. It appears that the party of Sioux Indians and Crows who had gone to St. Clementon. It was had gone in with a small camp one of them run by Salois and party on their way to St. Clementon and they returned to apprise their friends of the valuable discovery they had made a war party in which all the Sioux Indians and Crows able to bear arms joined and the result was that they killed nine Blackfoot men and about a score of women and children captured about a hundred and forty horses and brought fifty seven women and children as prisoners to their camp three of the women they afterwards killed and beat one last with clubs and a message to her friends. The message some say was an offer of peace and others say it was a defiance but whatever the message was if they are not much peevish our party will make diversion in summer more than in winter and it appears to me that the Sioux Indians and Crows have at present too much the advantage to be much disposed to peace and the Crows are always equally disposed at any sweep as surprised at any man of pertinacity immediately after this last message the Crows left

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1825 fall wanted to fly to the strong wood but the Sioux Indians would not allow them and they will now most likely keep the Sioux together. The whole of these Indians are leaving any village of which it was that stole the horses from Laramie and they solemnly declare that it was an one from their camp from which they infer that it was a party of Sioux Indians that took them but I myself cannot believe that any small party of Sioux Indians would risk themselves so far down in the wood and if they had it is not likely they would run their usual refrain from speaking and not one word could Gavallier get from the four that came to his camp from which circumstance I at the time concluded them to be ours and that they refrained from speaking because their language would disclose who they were. anxious of them never having met Gavallier in talking to Gavallier and some other of the people do not ascribe the situation of Gavallier camp with every circumstance that occurs in them for several days previous to the victory won the very camp of Gavallier and Dominique that either Le Henry must have been one of the party or that he got a particular detail from those who were all other particulars he related in conversation with Gavallier equally fanciful with the rest of us and it was relate to me by Bourgade, Bourdelle and Goudeau all three of whom relate the conversation and the circumstances thus related he pretends to have been ascertained on a piece of buck skin found by the Crows in the Eagle Hills and which they suppose was left there by the plain Indians who committed the robbery. Mr. Harriett to whom I related what I heard from Bourgade Bourdelle and Goudeau spoke to the Pointe Jour but he had a different story again to tell him and no asperence can be placed in any thing Gavallier relate say I allowed the matter to drop. All three then men Bourgade Bourdelle and Goudeau are tolerable proficients in the Crow Language and it is not likely they would at this instant contradict a story so well known in relating it had the story been an invention of their own

May 3rd Tuesday The weather was rainy and indispensible was done with few things the party of Indians who arrived yesterday brought them this day traders. The men who went yesterday take skins returned with a boat load of wood —

4th Wednesday The people bring wood from the Crows returning

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for another load Joaquin and Melville continued ploughing, Burrow & Heagren continuing making the Stock and Water gardens was cutting Bechets for fencing the Gardens and Burrow and Laverne reported by the cornes planted from Rags of Potatoes, the party of Indians who arrived on Monday went off and to the Water courses and dug creeks and the cor. I gain each a pattern of Tolano and a little ammunition and to the two former being leaders among the Indians I recommended to be undastious and to advise their superior parties to comport themselves well in summer which they faithfully promised to perform. But on going off one of the young ones got on the top of a Horse belonging to Laverne that was feeding on the plain near the fort and rode off full spurs, Laverne pursued but at last was simply a sight of his Horse, the young man alway slept at some distance before the others had been attacked so it Laverne could not have overtaken him. The Indians however promised to take the Horse from the young man on arrival at the camp, but I much doubt if he ever will be restored to the right owner and in fact it seems to have lost him, he having nothing else has than to take care of his horse and I daily examined it. Mr Rogers two Horses were feeding in the same plain and I am much surprised they also were not taken, but for this time they escaped and also a farm Horse belonging to the Company that unknown to me had strayed and was above the hills after the departure of the Indians Mr Rogers went to seek his Horse in some place more out of the reach of the Indians than about the fort and in uttering his song who accompanied him saw a couple of Indians near the Gully above the Hills they immediately disappeared. Laverne who was cutting Bechets for fencing the Gardens also saw them & they passed close to where he was. The general opinion is that they are plain Indians, but I myself believe them to be one of the Mtn Indians who this day are passing and had returned in hopes of finding more Horses. Laverne says they

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they were still together when he left them but that is an opinion why they should not return afterward and there was full time between the time of his arrival and when they came, now recollect it onest trapping on that he should encounter them, McKenna that McRogers was going to score his horses and that the Company team car was above the Hills and it was near the very place where the team horse was in the morning, that Laverne in the morning saw the two Indians but the horse was no longer there. Mr Harrist having brought him down to the Fort this night strengthened the guard watch by placing Mr Rogers as an assistant.

May 5th

Thursday It still rained at intervals - two Pds of Potatoes were notwithstanding planted and the other people continued their usual labours, but the occupancy wood which I intend will be Bale proof to cover as a flooring between the Stock and that part which will serve as a Bastion. Burrow and Hudson began to make a Bastion at the corner of the fort when the rain was standing is of any thing worse than over.

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Friday It still rained at intervals but the usual labour was continued and four more bushels of Potatoes planted and a Bushel and half of wheat sown but the ground was too wet to admit of its being harrowed. The Boat from below arrived with another load of wood.

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Saturday This was a fine day with no rain, Burrow and Hudson were occupied as usual at the Bastion, Laverne, Henry and Melville and the woman were employed as usual. Laverne etc. continuing unrele and O'Brien brought down Hay and firewood about a Bushel and a hay of wheat was sown to day and Mr. Irish harrowed the whole of what was sown yesterday and to day Joaquin and Melville continuing ploughing but they made little head, the Horses are so poor that none of them can run fast for even half an hour. Mr Rogers went to see his Horses and found them still safe and as we are in some difficulty about I do not know the two men down on told us of an iron

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Sunday / more rain fell and the weather in general is bad and not seem nothing particular occurred and this was a

1825 feed both for men and horses Banapari arrived.

May 9 Monday The people continue to work until the sun rises and goes down having got dinner I go to him to give the Blackfeet of some of the small boats to be brought for bringing the Geese. The people who on Friday went to the River arrived with another boat consisting of eight large logs and measured and forty small biscuits.

10 Tuesday The weather is becoming more mild and fine men went to the Pines for another load of wood. The others have come home at about the hour as usual and we have over stored six tons and a half bags of oats in the granary and though the quantity is small it covers a larger space of ground than last year when fifty bags were collected and I will be unable to make up the produce of the winter and a half bags will not make more than double that of the fifty of last year.

About noon two Blackfeet Indians entered the Fort and though there was people out in all directions no one but old Blackfeet who was harrowing perceived them previous to their entering the Fort and he took note or notice of them. Major Harriett and Bird were both in the Hall writing and I myself was at the Garden at the time and when the alarm that Blackfeet were in the Fort was given I could at first scarcely credit it and what led me to suppose it was that in whatever direction I cast my eyes I could perceive no one. The cry of Blackfeet however was distinct and I immediately running toward the gate called out to make haste that they were within the Fort I then thought that they had come through the hollows from the water side and that the fort was full of them and was suddenly more disappoointed in my life and an agreeable disappointment it was when Mr. Harriett whom I found at the gate told me there was but two, we all imagined that there was a large party near hand and the Mastisons ran quickly manned but from various circumstances related by the poor fellows that there was no war party that they were alone and had come with offers of peace on the part of the whole of the Plain tribes. It appears from their account that the conflict between them and the Sioux was much more

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anguished than represented by the Sioux Indians and that when I came here on the 2^d and 3^d and 4^d and 5^d informed us that but over one hundred twenty women and children were killed but that from Blackfeet who suffered so much and ought to know best say that twenty men and twice that number of women & children were killed and it appears that one of them has a woman and three children and the other a woman and a child few are in the Sioux Indian camp and the women released by the Sioux Indians and look back with a message having told them that the Sioux Indians were coming here then ten men expected to find them at the Fort and that through their migration a peace might be brought about and at least that they would release these women and children and return them and that likely they possessed any horses much as women women and children who were prisoners had fled and had them back and it is to this circumstance alone I attribute the Sioux Indians having now retained so many women & children as prisoners it being their usual custom to release all they could come at and I expect their people also did not come within the Indians who went off Wednesday evening still here both my Creek and Pease Comts are good Indians and men of influence among their tribes and by their means peace might have been brought about but they are off and it not being likely that any others will come while I remain here I see nothing that can be done but to unde the poor fellows as much as can be done Mr. Harriett who understand more of the Blackfeet than any one here told them that we should endeavor to get these women & children and send them up when opportunity should occur this appeared to please them and they expressed their thanks but they soon despaired to remain here and wait the arrival of the Sioux Indians com when they will and as misfortune has rendered them desperate and careless of life I think it possible that even to turn them off they would go straight to the Sioux Indian camp perhaps more in hopes of having an end put to their misery than in expectation of bringing out a peace and if we allow them

1825 To remain here it may endanger the safety of the Fort, for we cannot allow them to be prepared while they remain here and more than ever both of both Stone Indians and crew would be disposed to attempt it in which case a captain could scarcely be secured between them and us. Some hours or other a kind of peace this day took place between Mr Roquen and a den of Beauspirin some time after which Bonaparte himself beat Mr Roquen down and Mr Roquen Son complained to his father. Mr Roquen took his gun and challenged him to execute what he had been at making threatening to take Mr Roquen Bonaparte, son and his mother off of the fort while Mr Roquen quietly told him to go for his gun and make it evident that his courage did not consist simply in word and had Beauspirin gone from his place I really believe Mr Roquen had shot him as he would have surely deserved it for it was a common task of his all winter that he would ride Mr Roquen Mr Harriott upon got intimation of what was going forward and got hold of Mr Roquen on which Bonaparte immediately got up and advanced to strike Mr Roquen while held by Mr Harriott but Mr H kept him off without however letting go the hold he had of Mr Roquen and being apprised I came up and myself ran down to him with a gun as soon as I got away by his request and Mr Brie took Mr Roquen into the Hall where I heard him swear to avenge himself so much as to quarrel much less to place himself on an equality with such a known scoundrel as Bonaparte and as the matter ended but in the evening Bonaparte sent a message assuring Mr Roquen and requesting that I should be present to which message Mr Roquen replied that he had no wish to have any interview with Bonaparte and that if Bonaparte wanted him he would come when he found him.

May 11th Wednesday The people continue to work as usual. The Fort arrived from the Pines with another load of small Pistols for the inside of the Fort. This day Bonaparte happening to meet Mr Roquen near the Fort Gate a conversation commenced between them which led to a loud quarrel. Mr Roquen was then unarmed and told Bonaparte that as every thing must finally have an end and so ought any appearance existing between them but this moderation of Mr Roquen did but cause Bonaparte the more and he advanced on Mr Roquen with an axe in one hand and a stick in the other. I was at that moment going

out of the Gate of the Fort and missed hitting them and commanding Bonaparte to arrest and to quit. The Bawle said that he was a man and I told him that if he had been a man he would not as now take advantage of Mr Roquen's weakness but would have found him yesterday when he had the means of self defense on his hand, on which he immediately struck me a blow with his fist on the left side of the throat and like a mad man caught hold of a large stick in both hands with which he aimed two blows at my head but I warded them off with my right arm and then for the first time in my life in self defense drew my dagger. He then dropped the stick with which he had struck me and the tears of his wife and children who begged me not to kill him altogether surrounded me and I sheathed my dagger. But told Bonaparte immediately to leave the Fort and not again tempt me to inflict the chastisement from which his wife had at present saved him.

May 12th Thursday About 7 A.M. Mr Planté and Espouer arrived & delivered me a letter from Mr Simpson value the tenth and he was then encamped at Battle River and the purport of his letter was to advise me to have a dozen or fourteen Horns with the necessary saddles and saddlebags in readiness to bury his intention to proceed direct across land to Red River within an hour after arrival here. The necessary Saddles and Saddle Bags were soon prepared and having bid farewell to Mr Brie brother in law who late last night in company with Mr Purdon Esq. arrived, was sent over to the carp creek with a message to a Mr Chapman telling the Indians desiring him to come here to act as guide for Mr Simpson and to bring all the horses that can be mounted there for though I did not imagine Mr Simpson would wait for them I judged it proper to send and at 11 A.M. Mr Simpson Chief Factor having and Mrs Radcliffe Bellair arrived, and from the little conversation I have had with these Gentlemen I find that much improvement has been made in the Columbia. The establishment of Fort George at the sea coast has been abandoned and another formed at the Belvoir point of Vancouver. that plan Fort George I purchased from the Americans in 1813 but by the treaty of 1818 the British Government again gave it to the Americans as if no purchase had taken

1825 place and not only gave it up but stronger to relate such a British ship of war to convey the American Commissioners to whom the establishment was to be delivered and he advised me that the American Flag was substituted in lieu of that of Britain. Hence the cause of its being now abandoned Mr. McLellan had in view of winter coasted along to the entrance of Fraser River which from its name I had explored in 1808 and it is now intended to form an establishment at its mouth from which in my opinion and it is not a mere guess more benefit will be derived by the Company than can result from the Columbia. It is the most central place hitherto arrived on the north west side of the mountains, and from the St. Catherines and the Columbia can be supplied with equal facility. Duthie and Gaston were sent to the south branch River with a canoe and in the afternoon Governor Limpson, chief trader McLellan seven men and Bonapier acting in the double capacity of guide and hunter took their departure for Red River, and after their departure some hours having been spent on the opposite side of the River, Mr. Harrisse and their men expected to ascertain what horses it might be and it proved to be those of the four horses stolen from Revelle on the 23rd ulto a circumstance I cannot account for had it been plain Indians that took them they would not allow them to escape nor would stone Indians either and I must rather suppose that Mr. Ham got a party goes was not taken by any one or that it was a party of two that took them for whom particular care had been made not bring them to the camp through fear of becoming acquainted with whom it was that had them, and their declining to speak at the time the robbery was committed does confirm the fact that they were ours. In the evening after dark I in company with Mr. Rogers went to bring these three horses to Mr. Limpson's camp and we proceeded on to the other end of the Duck Lake and there found Duthie and Gaston the two men sent to the south branch River with the canoe from whom we obtained information that Mr. Limpson was still behind and of course that unprovided we must have passed his encampment or there at any light.

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13. Tuesday returned back and an hour afterwards met Mr. Limpson and party with whom we continued to the south branch River where we parted with them and returned home in the afternoon. In travelling along I got much valuable information regarding the west side of the mountains from Mr. Simpson and am not a little surprised to find that the Salish Indians of the whole of that quarter altogether consider with what I myself entertained since its first establishment and if his views are now carried into execution the St. R. B. & Co may still be remunerated for the cost up to as incurred by the late H. B. & Co in exploring and establishing that quarter. It is certainly a field from which much amusement might be derived.

14. Saturday the people here continue much at their usual pace and in the afternoon Mr. Henry took his daughter for Cumberland House and with him embarked Mr. Purdon's family.

15. Sunday this being Sunday it was a day of rest both for man and beast and nothing particular occurs.

16. Monday the boat was sent to the River for another load of Pittots and for fuel for the three boats remaining here since last fall. the rest of the people are occupied as usual. In the afternoon Mr. Bird Brother in law the Indian took off on Thursday for Horses arrived and with him came the new Governor. I intended him had he been in time to accompany Mr. Limpson to Red River but it is now too late. He could not overtake him and lie under any service was now to follow. He seemed well disposed toward the two Blackfeet and appears to have no doubt that a peace could be brought about with them to go to the Stone Indian and Bear Hills own camp, nor does he appear to think they would risk any great danger in going there last evening a Boat and his men arrived from Gamerton loaded partly with Government stores baggage and forty bags of Venison which was intended to be sent to Green Lake on Horse back but then an order was given him to convey it back the quantity already sent will be found fully sufficient for the supply required for the land route expedition and the outgoing of the Hudson Bay. This is a circumstance Governor Limpson was not aware of when he ordered away this Venison —

May 1st Tuesday) The people were occupied much as usual; also excepting Hargrave who has I appointed to superintend the Boats and boats which are appointed to draw the grass and put it into bags. The people who yesterday went to the River returned and with them came Balladine, he has finished the twenty carts he brought and 3 more - he was anxious to make some of the Horses brought yesterday can be broken in to the carts, and with the others he has before the ploughing goes on but they said as we are getting some new ground in I sent four men Louis Bourneau, Flebeau and Archambault to dig it up with the Hoe. Barnard finished the corner Bastion & has not a good appearance but is strong & will be perfectly bullet proof. The Govrnor has offered his services to accompany the two Blackfoot Indians to the other Indian camp and had they been disposed to go I would have sent one or two along also with them to induce the other Indians to make peace but the poor Blackfeet are too much afraid to venture on going there and yet it is the only method I can think of that could bring about a peace between the contending tribes. In which opinion the Govrnor also concurred and thought not much afraid himself he appears to be much interested that a peace should be made, it being him that principally induced the Govrnor last summer to commence war. is one reason why he now wishes to put an end to it.

18th Wednesday) This morning four men were sent to the old Fort with 10 Hds of Potatoes to be planted in the old gardens and it is not from them I expect the best crop and being out of the way it is not likely that the Indians will be so apt to steal them. Barnard was carving the corner Bastion. Delin and Johnson with the women were planting Potatoes four men breaking in more new grounds with the Hoe, from them bringing fine for the gardens two strong things the Fort with inside & outside Piers filling bags with grass and & dredging up around the Boats.

19th Thursday) It froze very hard last night and the water has risen very considerably all hands employed as yesterday, and the Governor killed two antelope which all I am told obtained and caused to be sent home.

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1825 Friday) It froze very hard last night that the Barley and every thing else that appears above ground no longer appears from which it is evident that there is no advantage arising from sowing very early. Barnard finished clearing the position and began to make sails for the Boats all the others were occupied as yesterday.
- 21 Saturday) A strong cold North westerly wind - the people were employed as usual & three sent to plant Potatoes and having ploughed all the ground that had been under tillage at that place, in which they planted nine & a half Hds of Potatoes which with twenty two & a half Hds that are now planted here forms a total of thirty two Hds altogether. Dagenais & Guillebeau who are sawing timber at the River also arrived having squared nearly all the wood that is required - They will however have to return - The water is again lowering.
- 22 Sunday) The weather was very cold and a mixture of rain and snow continued to fall throughout the day. Nothing further particular occurred.
- 23 Monday) The weather continues very cold & it has frozen so hard that the wheat Barley which was coming up finely is all nipped - we this day planted the remainder of our Potatoes making in all thirty four Hds. - but though the quantity planted is apparently double the space of ground occupied is very considerable, and I shall be much disappointed if the produce of them will not more than quadruple forty Hds that were planted last Spring - Fraser, Stokke, & McWhorter were ploughing a piece of ground not in cultivation last year of near two acres for oats - and Dagenais & Guillebeau returned to the River - The others were busily employed some in making a fence round the Garden, others assisting Mr. French in making Pack's Fethers doing various jobs.
- 24 Tuesday) The weather was more mild & the people occupied as yesterday - In the forenoon Capt. Penepin & Tremblant arrived from Moncton from 14th May - they brought four Horses and in the afternoon Mr. Rawson with the Redjade arrived and with him came Chief Factor McWhorter, Chief Factor La Roque & Capt. Alex & Capt. Paul Factor Clerks - Mr. Rawson has most excellent returns & eleven fine New Boats, and the Returns of both Athabasca River & the Hayes River Voyage are all sent down this way. But Mr. La Roque has sent the whole of his People - Seven excepted to Lynde Slave Lake to assist Mr. Clarke down the Bear River.
- 25 Wednesday) The weather continues very fine & both Mr. Baillie & myself were occupied in bringing the business of the season to a close & taking

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May 2nd. Caught 2000 lbs of the rein and less —

- 28th Thurs^d. Composed as yesterday. I also arranged the two Black-felt Hides ready to be off tomorrow - and made them a present of a little goat & tobacco with various articles of Clothing —
- 29th Friday. This afternoon skin Boats were sent off loaded with the two Black-felt Hides also took their Departure —
- 28th Satu^rd^y. Mr^t M^cIntosh La Roque & Frazer took their departure and the business being closed for the Season I committed the charge of the Post to Mr^t Hartlett for the Summer & with him leave Mr^t Roque as Interpreter of Nine men - It however being late before the whole was prepared I defer my own departure until the morning —
- 29th Sun^d This morning in company with Mr^t Howard took my Departure for York Factory & from that time nothing very particular occurred until my arrival the 31st June —

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