

open war against them and the half-breeds. We heard from MacLeod that a very large party of the Blackfoot nation were organizing to come here and fight the Cree. The Indians & others constantly report seeing war parties in the neighborhood of the Fort and there is no doubt but that the hills are infested with Bloods, &c and any Cree or Halfbreeds they can surprise they will make short work of them.

A couple of days after I came back the whole Cree camp moved to a boulder, six miles from this Post, and then celebrated their Sun Dance. During that time Col. Irvine ordered me to ration them, at the same time telling the Indians that those who were able to transport themselves were to leave for their reserves, or they would receive no more ruff here. They stopped on and tried every means of begging to