

M'Donell and Archibald M'Lellan set out, leaving Seraphim Lamare in charge of Fort Douglas, where Cuthbert Grant and other half-breeds, to the number of about forty, also remained, with orders to prevent the English from returning, and (besides keeping a guard at the fort) to keep a piquet guard at the Image Plain, about twelve miles lower down on the bank of the river, of which I took the command myself, for the first four days, by order of Alexander M'Donell. In the month of July, a cow and bull belonging to the Colony, were killed by Cuthbert Grant, for the use of the clerks and servants of the North-West Company, at Fort Douglas.—I have often heard Francis Deschamps (the son) boast that he had put to death Mr. Wilkinson, the Secretary of Governor Semple. I once asked him, in what manner he had put Mr. Wilkinson to death. He told me that he shot him betwixt the two shoulders. A half-breed named Holms, who had stripped Mr. Wilkinson of his clothes, when laying dead on the ground, and who wore Mr. Wilkinson's coat, at that time was then standing before us. Deschamp pointed out to me with his fingers in the coat, saying, “Voici l'endroit où ma balle est entrée.” I then asked him again, if it was a considerable distance from which he shot him. He said it was quite a short distance; that Mr. Wilkinson was running before him towards the fort, but as he, Deschamps, was a better runner than Mr. Wilkinson, he soon overtook him, and then he took a good aim at him, and killed him. I have also heard Michael Bourassa say, that he (Bourassa) had killed Duncan M'Naughton. Antoine Hoole has also