

laudable, and what entitles him to further praise on this occasion, he was of that race so often duped to become the instruments of the crimes of the North West Company, 'a bois brûlé.' McLeod endeavored to reason the bois brûlé out of his scruples, and to influence him by promises of advancement in the North West Service, but the unbending integrity of this person was not to be wrought upon: and McLeod finding him inflexible, drove him with blows and insult out of the Mess Room. He was not afterwards permitted to go with the party as guide, but was detained at Fort William as a punishment, altho' he had a family beyond Red River. Messrs. Cameron and McDonnell with another person who had been appointed guide in his stead and their engagés, proceeded to the scene of action.

On arriving at the North West Fort, called Fort Gibraltar, within about a mile of the Red-River Settlement, Duncan Cameron assumed the style and title of Captain commanding at Red River, pretending that government had conferred that appointment upon him, and on various occasions issued what might be styled proclamations in that character. He induced the poor and ignorant people in the country to give ready credit to his assumed authority, not merely by his assurances that he was invested with this new dignity, but by appearing in the military costume he had received from A. N.

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