

above-mentioned, all of whom, as was stated to me as the time, (except Peter Pangman, William Shaw, Rodrick M'Kenzie, and Robert Montour) had been engaged in the affair of the 19th of June, daily sat down at the same table with the partners above-named, of the North-West Company, at which Archibald Norman M'Leod was president; and they usually messed at the same table with the partners of the Company whenever they were together, the same as other clerks and interpreters in the Company's employment.

On the 28th or 29th of June, Archibald Norman M'Leod, Alexander M'Kenzie, and all the partners of the North-West Company above-mentioned, (except Archibald M'Lellan, and Alexander M'Donell) set off for the Grand Rapids of the Saskatchewan, with a brigade of seven or eight canoes, and a boat. John M'Laughlin, and Alexander Fraser the half-breed, embarked in the boat, taking with them the two brass field-pieces which had been brought from Bas de la Rivère, with a stock of ammunition, round and grape shot, which I delivered to them from the stores of the colony. The departure of the grand brigade (of which Archibald Norman M'Leod seemed to take the chief command) was saluted with discharges of artillery from Fort Douglas. The same day, John George M'Tavish, and John Stewart, partners of the North-West Company, arrived, and after remaining about an hour with M'Donell and M'Lellan, went away again, with every appearance of being highly pleased at seeing the fort, and property it contained, in their possession. A few days afterwards, Alexander