

Red River.—I was ordered to remain at Rivière à la Souris with the provisions, waiting further orders. In the interim Mr. John Spencer arrived as sheriff, bearing with him Governor Macdonell's warrant for the seizure of the provisions, which I thought it my duty to oppose as far as I could without the effusion of blood; therefore Mr. Spencer was of necessity obliged to make a forcible entry into the fort, and to break the door of the store in which the provisions were; all which his warrant authorised him to do.—When I arrived at the Forks, I found a number of the partners and servants of the North-West Company assembled there, with as many Indians as they had been able to collect, but learnt that an amicable arrangement, between them and Captain Macdonell, had taken place, which was brought about by Mr. John M'Donald, (commonly called Bras Croche) a partner of the North-West Company, who had come from the Rocky Mountains very opportunely, at the moment that other partners and servants were going to make an attack upon Captain Macdonell and his party, then posted on the river side, for the purpose of protecting Mr. Spencer.

I do not recollect the particulars of the agreement entered into by the North-West Company, and Captain Miles Macdonell, but all parties, with the exception of Alexander M'Donell, then seemed satisfied, and the Company had as much provisions given them back as they asked for. Some papers of a conciliatory nature were written by me under the direction of the partners present, particularly Mr. John M'Donald (Bras Croche), and Messrs. Duncan Cameron, and