servants in convenient localities (*i*). Mr. Kemp, the surveyor, drew up a plan in February, 1823, of a village on the Assiniboine River, but, the Roman Catholic clergy having raised some objections, the Image Plain was selected by Mr. Clarke as a more suitable place, it being acceptable to Father Dumoulin, and eight lots of 32 acres in extent, which had been laid out there in the preceding autumn by Mr. Kemp, were allotted to various persons, "the first commencing at about 60 yards below the Pigeons." "If," writes the Governor to Mr. Clarke, "you will cause these eight lots to be drawn for, and the people who gain them to attend altogether upon a certain day (giving us one day's notice), Mr. Kemp's chain-carrier shall go with them to the spot, and point out their respective numbers. For the rest, be assured that Mr. Kemp is anxious to get them settled, and will do so as soon as possible." The names of John Park, J. Whiteway, J. Foster, and George Spence are mentioned as having received certificates for lands up to that time; more were granted later.

The necessity for a careful survey was urgent, for, as the Governor says, "the inhabitants settled upon the Red River above the Forks complained to me that, the limits of their lots being still undefined, they were afraid either to complete the buildings they had already erected or to cultivate the land around them, and they appealed to me, to remedy the mischievous confusion. I considered (erroneously perhaps (*j*)) that my first duty was to attend to them—the old settlers— who had struggled through successive years of desolation, and were now in consequence burthened with a very heavy debt, and I gave Mr. Kemp directions to ascertain and mark off

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(*i*) An interesting correspondence between Mr. Clarke at Fort Garry, and the Governor at Fort Douglas on the subject, will be found in the Bulger Papers, vol. iii., April, 1823.

(*j*) Referring to claims put forward by Mr. Clarke for immediate consideration of the convenience of the newly arrived retired servants of the Company.