

to the crew, and an appeal made to the captain. The weather cleared up——

[*Sunday, May 22d, 1814.* Alexander Henry, Donald McTavish, and some other persons were drowned in going from Fort George to the Isaac Todd.²²—EDITOR.]

²² The principal witness to this case is Cox, p. 145, as follows: "The melancholy and untimely death of Mr. Donald M'Tavish. This gentleman had embarked in an open boat, with six voyageurs, to proceed to the opposite side of the Columbia. It blew a stiff gale; and about the middle of the river, owing to some mismanagement of the sail, a heavy wave struck the boat, which instantly filled and went down. With the exception of one man they all perished: he succeeded in gaining a snag which was a few feet above the water, and on which he remained for nearly two hours, until he was rescued when in a state of great exhaustion by two Chinooks, who proceeded to his assistance in a small canoe. Thus perished the respected Mr. Donald M'Tavish, one of the oldest proprietors of the North-west Company, and for many years the principal director for managing the affairs of the interior. He had realized an independent fortune; and had, in fact, retired from the Company, when he volunteered his services to organize the new department of Columbia. . . . The day after this melancholy event, the body of the lamented gentlemen, with those of four of the men, were found, and interred in a handsome spot behind the north-east bastion of Fort George, where a small monument, tolerably well engraved, points to the future Indian trader the last earthly remains of the enterprising Donald M'Tavish." It is strange that Cox does not mention Henry.

Harmon received the news of the fatality on the arrival at his post of Joseph Larocque, Oct. 18th, 1814, and thus records it: "Mr. La Rocque brings the melancholy intelligence, that Messrs. D. McTavish, Alexander Henry, and five sailors were drowned, on the 22d of May last, in going out in a boat, from fort George, to the vessel called the Isaac Tod," p. 242 of his Journal, 1820. Mention is made by John McDonald of Garth in Masson, II. 1890, p. 52, in these terms: "I started [Apr. 4th, 1814] with the Astorians for Fort William across the mountains, leaving Mr. Henry and Mr. McDougal in command at Astoria, in hopes of the arrival of the Isaac Todd, which vessel did arrive after our departure, having wintered at San Francisco. Both he [Mr. Henry] and Mr. Donald McTavish, who had left London with me, were drowned in the Columbia in leaving the fort and in going on board to Baker's Bay, where the ship lay at anchor."

END OF PART III.