

knowledge that some of the half-breeds had remarked I was very reserved, and had not done any thing to distinguish myself in the service,—that there must be something secret in my correspondence with Witschy, —and that they had resolved to report their suspicions to the aforesaid Alexander M'Donell, the partner in charge of the department. I had long perceived that it was impossible for me to continue in the service of the North-West Company without being forced by my superiors into the commission of crimes, or being exposed to their vengeance if I refused obedience. I likewise suffered uneasiness for the necessity I was under of associating with persons who boasted of having murdered their fellow-subjects, and pillaged and burnt their property. If there had been any independent magistrate in the country, I would have made application to him, but there was none except those who belonged to the North-West Company, and I had not, for months, the means of effecting my escape. The first moment I thought I could escape in safety, I quitted Rivière à la Souris, and came to Fort Douglas at Red River, on the 23rd of March last, when I stated to Miles Macdonell, Esquire, the Governor of the Settlement, all the before-mentioned facts which I had witnessed in the service of the North-West Company, and I also took an early opportunity of desiring the same information to be laid before His Majesty's Commissioners on their arrival at Red River.

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