

finding security for his good behaviour, which was given by Antoine Hoole, who, as above-mentioned, had confessed the murder of the person named W. Moore, as I believe, and took upon himself to be responsible for the good conduct of Beautineau, who was charged with no offence whatever.

After this, and before parting with Beautineau his prisoner, the magistrate went with him into the apartment of the late Governor Semple, when they both got drunk together, and he was afterwards supported to enable him to reach his canoe.

The half-breeds, Roderick M'Kenzie, and Alexander Fraser, and myself, accompanied Daniel M'Kenzie to the Bas de la Rivière Winipic, where we found the above-mentioned Archibald M'Lellan, partner, Lacerte the half-breed, and Charles Reinhard clerk, of the North-West Company, and about six or eight other half-breeds. A ball was given to the half-breeds in the evening by M'Kenzie and M'Lellan, and their drinking and singing was kept up nearly the whole night. During the ball I was for some time in an adjoining room, with Daniel M'Kenzie, and Archibald M'Lellan, and they frequently went with a glass full of wine into the room where the half-breeds were dancing, and drank "à la santé de tous les Bois-brulés." Towards morning, Alexander Fraser stabbed with a knife one of the half-breeds in a quarrel, but not mortally; and Fraser went away the next day with Daniel M'Kenzie for Lac la Pluie.—I left Bas de la Rivière, the 28th of July, and returned to Red River.