

for intelligence respecting them, became excessive ; and he set off in a canoe in pursuit of them, accompanied by Cuthbert Grant, Joseph Cadotte, Serjeant Reinhard, and others, amongst whom were some *bois brûlés*. After four days travelling, they came up with the Indian Joseph. They took him into their canoe, and upon receiving information from him, they renewed their course with redoubled expedition. Some hours afterwards, the two Canadians were perceived upon the beach ; and a plaid cloak was thrown about the Indian to prevent their immediately recognizing him. Having reached the shore, McLellan enquired what had become of Mr. Keveny ? The Canadians replied, that they had left him, and stated the difficulty they had had to keep the Indian from murdering him. Upon hearing this, McLellan sprung from his canoe, gave them curses, abuse, and blows, and struck one of them so severely on his arm with a paddle, as to deprive him of the use of it for some weeks ; while Cadotte in a rage asked, what business they had to prevent the Indian from doing as he was ordered. They were then directed to embark in McLellan's canoe which proceeded in quest of Mr. Keveny. On arriving at the Island on which he had been left, he was sought for in vain, and the anxiety and agitation of McLellan was extreme, lest he should have found means to escape to Hudson's Bay, or Fort William. The intention of putting him to death was openly declared, and

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