

to reside in the forts, by the men in the service of the company; and families have been reared, which have generally been left in the country, when these men have retired to the civilized parts of the world. These women and children, with a humanity which deserves commendation, are not turned over to the savages; but they are fed, if not clothed, by the company. They have become so numerous, as to be a burden to the concern; and a rule has been established, that no person, in the service of the company, shall hereafter take a woman from among the Natives to reside with him, as a sufficient number, of a mixed blood, can be found, who are already connected with the company. There are, also, in the N. W. country, many superannuated Canadians, who have spent the flower of their days in the service of the company, who have families that they are unwilling to leave; and having nothing to attract them to the civilized world, they continue under the protection of the company, and are supplied by them, with the necessaries of life.

A plan has been in contemplation, to provide for the future maintenance of these people, and

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