

accordingly did.—After we were dressed, M'Leod said to me, "The fort at Lac la Pluie is a great place of resort for Indians, and it is necessary that you all appear in regimentals to shew them that you belong to the king." At the fort, M'Leod made a speech to a great assembly of Indians, which I did not hear, happening to be out of the way, but as I returned, Charles Reinhard told me, that M'Leod had desired all the gentlemen to be present, meaning Lieutenants Missani, Brumby, their two servants, Reinhard, and myself, in our regimentals. I then asked Reinhard if he knew the reason of M'Leod desiring me to be present at the council. He stated, that M'Leod had presented the two officers, their two servants, and himself, to the Indians, as people belonging to the king, and at the same time, ordered the Indians to follow him to Red River.—I saw two large kegs of liquor, and some tobacco, which were given to the Indians on the occasion.

When the brigade left Lac la Pluie, an Indian chief and his son embarked with M'Leod in his canoe, and about twenty other Indians accompanied the brigade in their own canoes. At Lac la Pluie, James Leith, a partner of the North-West Company, joined the brigade with a sixth canoe, and we arrived at the post called Fort Alexander at Bas de la Rivière Winipic, on the 18th of June, where Reinhard and I, with a person named Wilbrenner, were ordered by M'Leod and Alexander M'Kenzie, to make ball cartridges, which we accordingly did.

When I arrived at Bas de la Rivière I was in plain clothes, and Lieutenant Missani asked me, why I was