

Sinclair, James. Objection made to convey goods to Mr. James Sinclair, of the Red River, on the ground that he wanted them for the fur trade, *Sir G. Simpson* 1075-1081—Statement as to the Company having objected to export some tallow for Mr. Sinclair, *ib.* 1228-1234. 1238, 1239.

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Sitka. Reference to a murderous scene among the Indians at Sitka, some years ago, in consequence of the abuse of spirituous liquors, *Sir G. Simpson* 1037—Arrangement entered into by witness and the Governor of Sitka, several years ago, for the prohibition of the use of spirits in the English and Russian territories; it has been rigidly kept, *ib.* 1037, 1038.

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SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS:

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1. *Generally as to the Regulation and Practice of the Company:*

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Supply, at present, of spirits to the Indians in the more southern portion of the territory; grounds for this statement, *Isbister*, 2412-2414. 2429, 2430. 2583—Spirits were not bartered or supplied at Mackenzie River when witness was there in the years 1838-40, *ib.* 2583—Instances of intoxication among the Indians at Fort Garry, the spirits having in all probability been procured from the Company's traders, *Corbett* 2836-2847—Spirits used formerly not to be had in the interior, *Sir J. Richardson*, 3077—Propriety of the restrictions at Red River upon the trade in spirits, *Crofton*, 3318-3322. 3330—During witness's stay at Red River the Company strictly adhered to the restrictions with regard to the trade in spirits, *ib.* 3326, 3327.

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2. *Complaints*