

late to Red River Settlement. My memory is none of the best, but as far as these matters occur to me at present, I shall endeavour to relate them in their due order.

The partners are not consulted on all occasions, I mean myself in particular. The late Mr. Duncan M'Gillivray gave away twenty-five pieces of provisions and liquor to the people, at the time this place was named Fort William, in honor of his brother. I paid my share of this as well others; and I heard Mr. Ogilvy, who was then our Store-keeper, find fault with such a thing having been done. I knew nothing of the transaction till I saw the pieces placed before the gallery for delivery.

In summer of 1813, the late Mr. John Wills brought to Fort William a deserter from Red River Settlement, of the name of Walsh:—the question was whether to keep or send him back.—I heard Mr. William M'Gillivray, while walking on the gallery, find much fault with Wills for bringing him, on the principle that the Colony ought to be disorganized on a more general scale; to cover which intention it was thought most prudent to send back the deserter.

In summer of 1814, after our Pemican had been seized by order of Captain Miles Macdonell, Mr. William M'Gillivray ordered a considerable present of provisions and liquor to be given to the people who were here from Red River:—I knew nothing of it till I heard him deliver a harangue to them from the gallery; all of which I recollect is, his dwelling on the unjust proceedings that had taken place at Red River, and finding much fault with the conduct of La Vigne on the occasion. This was done at a time when the greatest management and œconomy was required; the Americans having the preceding fall, captured or destroyed the British Fleet on Lake Erie; and had then the sole command on the upper Lakes.

That same summer I was in the Council House, where the partners are accustomed to meet in the evening: it was proposed by Mr. John M'Donald, brother-in-law to Mr. William M'Gillivray, that a present of the amount of sixty pounds or upwards should be sent to Mrs. M'Lean, as she was friendly and wished well to the North-West Company. I objected to this proposal,