

" and secured her from sinking. I then strip-
 " ped her and prepared for getting her down
 " the falls. Adverse winds prevented my at-
 " tempting the falls until the 26th, when
 " every possible effort was used, but I am
 " sorry to say without success, to get her
 " over in safety. The fall in three-quarters of
 " a mile is forty-five feet, and the channel
 " very rocky; the current runs from twenty
 " to thirty knots, and in one place there is a
 " perpendicular leap of ten feet between three
 " rocks; here she bilged, but was brought
 " down so rapidly that we succeeded in run-
 " ning her on shore below the rapids before
 " she filled, and burned her. She was a fine
 " new schooner, upwards of one hundred tons,
 " called the *Perseverance*. and will be a severe
 " loss to the North-west Company. Had I
 " succeeded in getting her safe, I could have
 " loaded her to advantage from the enemy's
 " store-houses. I have, however, brought down
 " four captured boats loaded with Indian
 " goods to a considerable amount; the balance,
 " contained in four large and two small store-
 " houses, were destroyed, amounting in value
 " from fifty to one hundred thousand dollars.
 " All private property was, according to your
 " orders, respected. The officers and men
 " under my command behaved with great