

13. I am exceedingly sorry to be under the necessity of occupying so much of your Honor's valuable time with my observations upon C. F. McLoughlin's letter, but it seemed to me to have required the comments I have very reluctantly been under the necessity of making upon it.

With much respect

I have the honor to be,

Honble. Sirs,

Yr. mo : obedt. hmble servt.,

GEO. SIMPSON.

RED RIVER SETTLEMENT,

18th June 1846.

The Governor Deputy Governor
& Committee of the
Hon : Hudson's Bay Company
London.

HONBLE. SIRs,—

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The turbulent Indians frequenting Fort Simpson have likewise been more quarrelsome than usual which has to some extent affected the trade ; I am happy to say however, it shows nevertheless an improvement of about £700—owing to an increase in martens and other small furs which were last year numerous in that part of the country, the natives having been more peaceful & have exerted themselves in hunting & the result has been an increase in the trade of beaver and martens, the post showing a profit on the transactions of the year of about £1600.....

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" The steamer Beaver was more usefully & actively employed during last season than she has been at any former period in collecting the trade of Tacow and Millbank (formerly occupied by heavy permanent establishments) in which she has been very successful, her returns showing an increase of about £2000 over those of the preceding year.....

I have the honor to be,

Honorable Sirs,

Your most obedt. servant,

G. SIMPSON.