

one Rochon a Canadian. I asked Archibald M'Lellan what had become of Charles Reinhard, and was told in reply that he had been left at Lac la Pluie with two men and a small canoe, with orders to be on the look-out, and to come off with intelligence on the approach of Lord Selkirk or any of his people. About the same time, a Canadian freeman, named J. B. Davis, who has a family at Red River, arrived from Jack River, whither he had made a voyage in the service of the Hudson's Bay Company. Alexander M'Donell sent for him, and I know that Davis passed the night in irons, in one of the bastions of the fort, and he went with me a few days afterwards to Rivière à la Souris, when M'Donell engaged him in the service of the North-West Company against his will. Davis wintered with me at La Souris aforesaid, and frequently complained to me of the manner in which he had been used by Alexander M'Donell, and expressed his wishes to obtain redress.

A few days after their return from Bas de la Rivière to Fort Douglas, Alexander M'Donell and Archibald M'Lellan, assembled about twenty or thirty Indians, among whom was the old Soutaux Chief called the Premier, or Grandes Oreilles, when Alexander M'Donell made a speech, of which Joseph Cadotte was interpreter, in which he exhorted the Indians to take courage, to place confidence in the North-West Company, who would always befriend them, and supply their wants, and told them, that if they allowed the English to return to the river, they would bring soldiers with them, who would destroy them, their women, and children; but not to be afraid because