

servants who rose in defence of their master's property. These outrages were continued in that quarter until 1809; after which, the Hudson's Bay Company discontinued to send traders to that part of the country. Being in the vicinity, a knowledge of these transactions was communicated to me by the perpetrators themselves; who boasted of these violent acts, as meritorious services to the North-West Company.

During my residence in the Indian country I have often known Indians, for very slight offences, such as trading with, or hunting for a rival Company, to be severely beaten by partners and servants of the North-West Company, so as to have their limbs broken; and they have even been frequently put to death by them. In Lake Winipic, Mr. Baptiste Cadotte, a partner, thus killed an Indian, called the Forgeron. In the Nipigon, Mr. John Dougald Cameron, then a clerk, but now a partner, shot an Indian, called the Canard in his own house. On Lake Superior, Mr. M'Rae, a clerk, killed a man and his wife. Mr. John M'Donell, the Borgne, a partner, killed an Indian at Fort des Prairies. The servants of Mr. Alexander Henry killed another at the same place. Mr. Farries, a clerk, shot an Indian, called the Lodge, at Cumberland House: these were all deliberate acts, not done under any necessity of self-defence. I have heard of other Indians having been killed by the traders, before I came into the country, and some others since, the particulars of which I cannot now recal to my memory.

At the time the Old and New North-West Companies were contesting for the trade, one John