

M'Kenzie, the other — M'Laughlin, whom he brought as bail, but, charges being also preferred against those two gentlemen, they were likewise made prisoners. After his Lordship had been engaged some time with Mr. M'Gillivray, he determined on arresting the other partners who were still in the Fort, and accordingly sent over the constable with warrants accompanied by about twenty-five men, with Captain D'Orsonnens, Mr. Allen, Mr. Becher, and myself. We were distributed in two boats, and arrived shortly at the Fort where the constables landed, being accompanied by all the gentlemen. The men remained in the boats, but as some resistance was apprehended, they were ready to support the constables in the execution of their duty, if required. Between two and three hundred Indians and Canadians, in the North-West Company's service, were standing outside of the gate. The partners who were to be arrested stood in the gate of the fort; and the constables being informed of their names, proceeded in executing the warrants—when one of the Partners, John M'Donald, declared that he would not submit to the warrant, or allow any body to enter the fort until Mr. M'Gillivray was liberated. At the same time the gate was partly shut, and the resistance which was made forced the constable to call for assistance. The men rushed out of the boats with their arms, and soon cleared their way through the gate. They were then ordered to take Mr. M'Donald, who was exceedingly violent, and to conduct him to the boats. The others peaceably submitted to the warrants, and appointed two clerks for the management of their concerns during their absence. The bugle which had sounded when the constables first called for assistance was a signal that resistance was made at the fort, and for the remainder of our party to join us. They accordingly came over, and every thing being, by that time, quiet, they stood outside of the fort.

The prisoners were then sent to his Lordship, who, after having examined them, allowed them to return for the night to their respective apartments in the Fort, upon the condition that they would not attempt any hostilities, to which they pledged their word of honour, and went over to the Fort. We all returned to our encampment, with the exception of twenty men, and Lieutenant de Graffenreid, who remained during the night in the Fort; and his Lordship issued a warrant, ordering the papers of the North-West Company to be sealed.

Though the Partners of the North-West Company had pledged their word of honour, that all should remain as his