

them. Thereupon the said defendant has been condemned to lose his pig, and pay the expenses of the court; which judgement has been rendered by me to the best of my knowledge.

(Signed)

CHLES REAUME,

One and a half piastre.

Justice of the Peace.

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DICKSON TO LAWE

SAULT ST. MARY'S, June 19, 1817.

*Dear Lawe:*—I have been at this place six days, detained by one of the commissioners, who will not allow Lord Selkirk's brigade<sup>1</sup> to proceed. However, I go off in a light canoe to-morrow, with Mr. Gale, a lawyer of great abilities, employed by his Lordship. It is impossible to convey to you an adequate idea of the villainy of the North West [Fur Company]; suffice it to say, that they have been guilty of every crime whose black catalogue has disgraced the human race. Something very serious is still apprehended; but I trust that no accident may befall his Lordship. Since I have begun this, Mr. Crooks has arrived, and from what I have learned from him, there can be no impediment to your going into the country. It will, therefore, be incumbent on you to proceed with all celerity, and get the Indians to accompany you, and go as high as possible. I shall get the goods I want at Lake Quinipigue [Winnipeg] from the Hudson's Bay [Company], and shall lose no time in ascending the Red River.

I hope you will be able to furnish Faribault, and to find Renville what he requires. Renville will meet you at the entry of St. Peter's. For heaven's sake be expeditious. I have learned much respecting the country from people well acquainted with it. It is a fine country, abounding in furs of all kinds. I think that you had better take, if you can procure them, four small canoes—say bark canoes. It will enable you to proceed with more ease, and may prevent others from following you. I have taken care that Thomas and his people will be well treated at Drummond's Island. I enclose this to you in a letter to Mr. Abbot, who will de-

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<sup>1</sup> Brigade of boats or canoes.