

Mr. Dickson spoke not in justification of the conduct of Lieutenant Brisbois, and Interpreter Honore which he reprobated, and considered highly improper: but merely in palliation of that of Lieutenant Brisbois which he thought was unintentional. Mr. Dickson avowed having sent orders to Captain Dease not to suffer any one to interfere with him as agent for the Indians, and again declared "that no one had a right to interfere with him or his Department." In allusion to my orders of yesterday which directed that no expenses should be incurred on the part of Government, but by the acting commissary. Mr. Dickson remarked that by his orders from the Commander in Chief *he* had authority to purchase what he thought necessary for the use of the Indian's and that it was not necessary to have either Colonel McDouall's signature or mine to his accounts, to which Captain Bulger answered as follows.

"You know Mr. Dickson that I did not come to this country "with a nominal command. I expected to have the entire "control of the resources of the country, otherwise I would "not be answerable for its safety. I know I am invested "with [it], and will exercise [it] as long as I am left in "command of Fort McKay. It is my firm and fixed intention never to put my name to accounts, upon which I "was not consulted, and which I could not but disprove."

A. BULGER, Captain
Commanding.

The above conversation took place in the presence of—

Captn Anderson — —

Lieut. Pulman — —

Lieut. Porlier — —

Lieut. Keating — —

and the officers of the Indian Department.