

~~The-Hon-Co--On-preaching-at-the-Hon-Co-fort-on-Sunday-the  
1-March-Mr-Ross-told-me~~

On going to the Hon. Co Fort on Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> March Mr Ross said to me that as he was going to send off men to Berring's [Berens] River who would meet the packet men from Red River if I had any letters to send them ~~before~~ on Wednesday ~~morning~~ evening. - I thanked him saying I do not know of any thing I have to write - but perhaps I will scratch a letter or two to some friend-. I thought of writing to Judge Thorn respecting marriage - but I could get no answer before I expect to see him therefore I have concluded not to do so. -

~~I-returned-home-and-determined-to-proceed~~

On Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March I had a beaver cooked when as was our practice Mr Mason & Mr Steinhauer dined with me. - Mr Mason before dinner sat down in the parlour and # took a paper from his pocket. - see copy - which he read I said it is very good. Except the characters - that of David Jones being I observed too severe in the close - & mentioned the word design as too strong - but said you should have stated a fact and allowed the Conference to draw its own inferences - You remember that he got in quite a passion & almost threatened to strike me in your court, & your presence. I think when you charge him with design you ought to shew cause for the conjecture. I could not at the time avoid the fear which then flashed # on my mind but which as I have ever done I endeavoured to suppress - the thought was this, Is there not design somewhere & this is a cover - to throw it on the accuser should any thing be suspected?

Mr Mason however left it there. There was another thing which struck me in what was read but as it was a new circumstance I did not mention viz that Mr Mason says "I preached in the afternoon &c - when all the inhabitants of the village were present. - This is not true for there were many absent as there are always. the # houses never being left with out some one in each - & another thought struck me which was that this clause might tend to make an impression at home that when I preached it was otherwise. I beg to say that at the Fort, my ministrations (Thanks be to God) have been better attended than before - perhaps to see if I could preach with all my load of misery on my head. And at the village I have, each Sunday since the trouble, (except the one I was on trial) preached to my accusers & the bare falsewitnesses, a task not easy even to innocence itself when I had reason to know that # like a criminal under his execution sermon ~~every-one~~ some were watching my prayer my sermon my words & even my tears! May God bless them & increase their charity & mine!

We parted soon after dinner Mr Mason with unusual politeness observing you will excuse me as I have some letters to write to Red River. I observed I thought of writing one or two but I shall give it up I believe as I have nothing particular to write about.

~~Thursday-5-March--I-sent-a-small-serap-of-paper--- # ings--I-sh~~

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> I sent for Mr Mason & my papers were laying on the table before me - We conversed on several topics - such-as printing & the school masters house - both our removal & calling Mr Rundle, printing &c - at length I remarked that I must finish my papers to the secretaries before I did any thing else Mr

Mason said nothing of his having been sent offe. - But remarked coolly the packet will go today - I said but it only goes to Red River. - Yes he said it will perhaps go to England - Well said I I can not send them for ~~I-must-write-a-few-lines-more-as~~ I have not finished my remarks <sup># We-ean</sup> | ^ I never thought<sub>t</sub> of sending them ~~by-the~~ until by the canoes. But the packet is gone said he. I did not know said I that it was an English packet. - "I sent my papers said Mr Mason you should have sent yours. - Sent your papers! - you sent them? I exclaimed What and never either read them as you promised , nor gave me copies, nor told me they were going. - Mason you have deceived me. You knew mine were not ready - I told you yesterday - I would read them & you promised to read yours. You have deceived me. #

I called to Mrs Evans & said "My Dear prepare my things I start for England if the Lord spare me on Tuesday next." "Mason" said I "You have now realized all my fears" - I wrote them on the 14<sup>th</sup> Feb. and by Henry's advice kept my letter back as he said all would perhaps come right yet. - Mr Mason said, " I never promised you a copy" - "No Sir" I said "but you said I should hear what you wrote." - And now what you have written I must meet in London. I am resolved on that. #

He said "I thought you knew they were going, Mr Ross said he told you the men were going to Red River". "So he did", said I, "but no one [?] told me about any thing going to England." I then said "Mason no one knew I believe or I would have heard of it. ~~Did-you~~ Does Henry know they are gone"? "Yes, Sir". he replied, "Henry knows" & Mr Ross knew I was going to send them ~~home~~ [?] I told Henry I was going to send them when we were writing them out. page 1 [Section in brackets on page -4-]

"And when I took them Mr Ross asked if Mr Evans had no papers to send - I said yes - & enquired has he not sent them" - Mr Ross said, "no but David (the packet boy) is at the village he will perhaps send them by him." - "How would I send them," I observed, "when I did not know that the packet was for England - or that you was sending yours & when you knew that mine were not ready - & when I had a few hours before promised to read them to you before they went. ~~How-can-I-hide-from myself-the-awful-#fact-that-you-deceived-me-to-kill-me-on-the Conference-floor---Oh-Masen-God-forgive-you-(If-I-fall,-I-fall by-your-hand-~~

"And did you" said I "see David? "I did" said Mr Mason, I met him in the evening & asked him if he had your papers & he said no."

Awful! said I - you know that I had promised to read, them & had never done so you had never told me yours were going - you learned from David that he had not got mine, though yours # were gone - & then you went home to bed - Could you not have called as you passed my house & told me you had sent yours or asked me why I had not sent mine? - Could you not have told me this morning when you came in & saw mine where they now lay here on the table before us.

You saw them - but you never said they were gone until I pumped it out of you - shame shame I cannot go home but read them, - ~~let-me-hear-what-they-say-~~ }

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The bracketed section is extracted from another part of the Notebook containing Evans' journal account.

"Well,--said-I, Can you # let me see them? it can make no matter now as they are off. - But it may if they are all right & fair save the expense & trouble of going to England. He said "I do not know why you should read them I said, "Because in every word you write is more than evidence - Yours is judgment & according to your opinions offered the Conference will decide. - Had I not a right to offer my defence to you after the evidence - & have I not a right to offer a defence on the conference floor if I were there, as # I am not I should know all that goes home to offer it in writing - Will you read them to me? -

He said I will fetch them & went out. -

I immediately went to the school house - & speaking in a low voice said to Henry "Do you know that Mr Mason has sent the papers to England by the packet which went this morning? - "No, said he. Did he not tell you he was going to send them? "Never" he replied. - I said Henry they are gone - Gone! said he # "No." Yes I replied Gone & Mr Mason says you know it & knew it knew he was going to send them. That he told you when copying them. I then returned to the house. Mr Mason soon came in I said ~~When-did-you~~ Who told Henry the papers were going? "I did" he replied - I then called a little girl & said go & tell the school master to step over. When he entered Mr Mason became as pale as ever ~~I-was-in-the-printing-office,~~ but did not attempt to speak Henry sat down, & I trembling for the results, said # "Henry did you know that Mr Mason sent the papers to England by the packet today? he replied, "No". Mr Mason said - mind Henry what you say - I have witnesses - mind - take care I told you - I have a witness Mrs Mason heard me" -. Henry said, "I never knew they were going by this packet." -

Mr Mason said Henry I told you - I told you that I should send them both ways. by this way & by <sup>#</sup> the ship - ~~Henry~~ Mrs Mason heard me. Take care. I told you some time ago at table..

Henry. Henry said I did I think hear you say that you would send them two ways but I never knew that they were going now - but I supposed by the canoes". The fact is that Mr Mason never knew himself until a few days before this packet left that it was for England - nor even now is there any certainty - but the possibility was - that they documents would get thro by St. Peters during the winter - but if not that they <sup>#</sup> would go by the return canoes which leave as soon as the Governor arrives & some time before I could possibly send mine. -

~~At-all-events~~ The probability was that Mr Mason's papers would reach home before the ~~Conference~~ ship sails in June & mine could not reach until after - when my final doom must have been pronounced & my fated sealed, - and by the ship I should have received my sentence ~~&-he-perhaps-my-office--&-now~~ <sup>#</sup>

~~as-I-now-proceed-to-shelve~~ [?] ~~from-the-documents-sent-home---~~ but since arrested I certainly said some as I requested Mr Mason, to proceed if he intended Mr Mason said he would send me a copy of all & went out. - In about half an hour ~~I-wrote-the-letter~~ dated ~~March~~ (should see) I sent the note of same date marked X

He came over with the papers - and read them. ~~I-shall-...-had~~ some ~~warm~~ I was very severe as he proceeded - and I must give him greater credit than myself that he kept <sup>#</sup> pretty cool. - I humbly acknowledge that I did use some very pointed expressions such as - Mason you have wounded me penal<sup>(i)</sup>ty - You have stabbed

me in the shoulders on the Conference floor, by sending home a verdict different from that you gave to my face. -

You have represented me as exercising authority over you during the trial - I deny it as being palpably fake false #  
false, & I will bring you to account for it. -

Here Mr Mason said - there that will do you have threatened me - You threaten me Sir, - you threaten me. -

I said it is true I threaten you - I do - & I will carry my threat into execution. - You have injured me irreparably & I fall into disgrace & must return ~~into~~ under obloquy through your misrepresentations & falsehood.s I tell you I shall must in #  
justice to myself - to my family & to the cause of God - represent the whole case to the Secretaries. -

You never wrote Alicks Evidence You said it was sealed up - Then you said it never was written.

Then you wrote it in the form of Question & answer. - all the Questions hav.ing a positive negative - but Eliza's name never mentioned. -

You read it to the School master & asked him if that was what passed. He replied "Yes I know he said no to each question".  
Then you sent me another paper - where he merely says I dont  
remember You have quashed Eliza ... [?]'s evidence.

You have hidden the size of the bunk bed - altho you #  
came with Henry & measured it. - but you have sent the papers home without it. -

You sent them privately. Neither myself nor Henry knew they

were gone

You have prevaricated and tried to make me believe that you never sent home the Third verdict with the clause of censure attached.

You did so after having given me a verdict different to my face. - Maggy's and Alice evidence 6 page

You have told the Secretaries that you tore off that censure because I said it was out of order, when you told me before Henry that you ~~tere~~ never meant I was unfit for <sup>#</sup> my office but only that I had acted with impropriety in being too familiar with the girls in my house. - ~~You-told-Mr-P~~

You administered a private reproof - and said now I feel that I have done all in my power. 6 page

I mentioned ~~te-you~~ that the ~~verdiets~~ charges were for several attempts to commit fornication - and said do you ~~ever~~ believe I ever made any attempt. - You said No I do not believe you ever did - I wrote you a paper to sign (see \* You said what you would read to the people would answer every <sup>#</sup> [?] purpose and | you was sure I should be satisfied - I said - why not sign this then. - † You said you would think on it, & put it ~~in-your-peeket~~ - I ~~several-times-for-it-&-requested-at-my-house-twice,-you-said-it-was-at-home~~ - I-asked-you-to-send-it - you-kept-it-until-the-15 Feb. -- when =

~~then-I-got-up-&-went-to-the-Piane-on-which-my-papers-laid-expecting-to-find-the-one-in-question-as-Mr-Mason-had-I-thought-sent-it-with-some-others,-it-has-never-been-returned-so-either-he-has-sent-it-home-or-he-has-it-still~~ | <sup>#</sup>



~~This & other conversation took place the day the packet left in the presence of Mr H B Steinhauer - E~~

In the Evidence sent home

Saturday. Evening 28 March Came Tho<sup>s</sup> TPOG. He his wife & Jenny d. C. U. for their tickets. After the two former went out. I told Jenny I must withhold her ticket for having been dancing at the Fort. - She then stated that she had heard Maggy say (see her certificate) Blessed be God who will is bringing light out of the darkness - & may my life be more than ever devoted to his praise.

April 1<sup>st</sup> After viewing[?] & considering Mr Ross letter denying all his official interference to procure affidavits to send to the Secreta<sup>#</sup>ries - I determined to send for Jenny I did so, & in the presence of Mr Steinhauer Adam Moody - Ian[?]. L. C. E. & David Jones, the first & last frequently interpreting in the ... indian[?] - I wrote her statement in Indian & read it to her - she I asked her if she was prepared to say it any where. - I explained the nature of an oath - I enquired if she would be willing in Red River, before the judge or before the Governor, &c to attest the same - she replied yes I will say the same any where. I sent for Maggy - but she refused to come. -

David Jones then stated that Mr Ross asked him if he believed what was said about Mr Evans. Expressed his conviction that it was true. Stated that David did not know the particulars, & that I had always opposed him (Mr Ross) that he was obliged to travel on sundays<sup>#</sup> and that he must do so next spring to be at Red Riv. before the Governor. I also learned that some time ago while I

was at Red River Mr Ross had<sup>y</sup> called for & engaged some of the Indians during my absence to accompany him next spring. - That Johnny Tredick was one - & his wife Maggy had[?]the promise of a passage in the first sloop to the settlement. I read their movements like a book. - The whole proce<sup>e</sup>du<sup>r</sup>e is to bring me before the Govern<sup>r</sup> & Council to give an ac/ of my religious & moral conduct. - I fear not their investigation but deny their right of jurisdiction & will not submit to it unless directed to do so by the Conference.