

Page 23 About the 11th August, a Cree chief came to the Fort and reported to me that his warriors were pursuing a "Blackfoot" Indian who had ridden out in the vicinity of their camp. The Cree chief also state that unless I went myself and afforded protection to the "Blackfoot" the Crees would murder him. I at once made enquiry as to the truthfulness of this chief's statement, and finding it to be substantially

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correct, I immediately took with me a small party consisting of Supt. Cotton, two constables and as interpreter, and proceeded with all speed towards the scene of the disturbance. Shortly after leaving the Fort I encountered large numbers of very excited Cree Indians mounted and armed. I asked these Indians why they had turned out in this manner, and they replied that they were hunting for a "Blackfoot" whom they intended to kill. I told them that the police would allow no man to be killed in the territory and at the same time I reminded them of how our men had saved a Cree Indian from a band of infuriated Sioux at Wood Mt. I ordered them back to their camp, and told them that I would arrest and punish any of them who harmed the "Blackfoot". Some of the Crees were thus induced to disperse, but far the larger number continued riding about, shouting and firing off their rifles and otherwise conducting themselves in a very excited way. After some little trouble we succeeded in finding the "Blackfoot" the Crees were in search of, and returned him safely to the Fort, he being apparently well satisfied at being delivered from his infuriated enemies.