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People are ~~are~~ illiterate & ignorant ^{UNL. B. 100} & much given to drunkenness — They depend most of them upon the Salmon fishery which being precarious — they sometimes are poor enough — Necessity — & the examples of a few, will ~~in~~ as soon as the banks of the River are all located — make them turn their attention to the Sands — They want two things — Law — keeps them in order — & Gospel — to give them some better information than they seem to have — & to civilize their manners — with attendance at public worship would tend to promote —

Wednesday Aug. 3. The Jury of Inquest on the son of Bort's Grant return'd their verdict the day. Conditions not performed — they have 6 days on the business in ^{ch} they have to do 50 miles up River & down — besides

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returning to & from home several miles each time — One gentleman not less than 12 miles each time — They have behaved better than expectation — much —

Journal of the Survey of Land to
from Nova Scotia
John Watson — Capt. J^r McLean from Shelburne a Refugee Roderick McDonald a discharged private from 7th. & Alexander McMillan who has been in the Sea Service —

Wednesday August 10th Left home in the morning & arrived at the Indian Town that night —

Thursday 11th — Spent in making the Survey — at night left Indian Town & went about 2 miles down the River & lodged at Geo. Brown. a Showery day