

John Dougald Cameron, which were signed by the parties. Alexander M'Donell was much dissatisfied with the conduct of his associates, and said that if John M'Donald had not arrived, that day would have put an end to the colony, as their plan of attack was so well arranged, that Captain Miles Macdonell's party could not have escaped, and he himself would have first fallen, and by his, Alexander M'Donell's, ball.—With the exception of Alexander M'Donell, I believe the North-West Gentlemen were sincere in the agreement they had made, and believed it to be advantageous to the concern in general.

In consequence Governor Macdonell and his friends were invited to a ball given by the North-West Gentlemen at their house, and the next day they partook of an entertainment given by the governor at his place.—They likewise spontaneously, sent me with two leather tents, for the service of the colony, accompanied with an obliging message, that there were others at Rivière à la Souris which he might have, if required.—Nor did these partners express any displeasure when I informed them of my intentions of quitting the service of the North-West Company, and settling in the colony. On the contrary, John Dougald Cameron said, when he had amassed money enough to retire, he would join me there. In fact, I believe at that time those gentlemen considered the colony as permanently established,—that further opposition would be useless,—and that it would be their interest to live in terms of amity with the persons conducting it.—But it appeared that when they came to Fort William, Mr. William M'Gillivray taught