

RED RIVER SETTLEMENT.

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honourable the Hudson's Bay company, the North-West company, or any individual, or unconnected traders or persons whatever, shall take out any provisions, either of flesh, grain or vegetables, procured or raised within the said territory, by water or land carriage, for one twelvemonth from the date hereof; save and except what may be judged necessary for the trading parties at this present time within the territory, to carry them to their respective destinations, and who may on due application to me, obtain licence for the same. The provisions procured and raised as above, shall be taken for the use of the colony; and that no loss may accrue to the parties concerned, they will be paid for by British bills at the accustomed rates: And be it hereby further made known, that whosoever shall be detected in attempting to convey out, or shall aid or assist in conveying out, or attempting to carry out, any provisions prohibited as above, either by water or land, shall be taken into custody and prosecuted as the laws in such cases direct; and the provisions so taken, as well as any goods or chattels of what nature soever, which may be taken along with them, and also the craft, carriages and cattle, instrumental in conveying away the same, to any part but the settlement on Red River, shall be forfeited. Given under my hand at Fort Daer Pembina, the 8th day of January 1814.

(Signed) *Miles M'Donnell*, Governor.

By order of the Governor,

(Signed) *Jⁿ Spence*, Sec^y.

Journal of Transactions in Red River department, having reference to the seizure and plunder of the North-West company's property by Mr. Miles M'Donnell.

Inclosure
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in Sir G. Drummond's, of 16
August 1815.

19th May 1814. Information was received at the North-West company's fort late in the afternoon, that Mr. Miles M'Donnell had sent off a party of armed men to seize a batteaux, loaded with provisions, belonging to the North-West company, on the way to their establishment at the Forks of the Red River.

20th. Agreeable to the orders of my employers, I proceeded with Mr. Seraphim Lamar, and five men, up the Assiniboini river, in order to protect the company's property, should any attempt be made on it. I had not proceeded far, before I found Mr. Miles M'Donnell's party, consisting of a clerk and six men, who all appeared completely armed, besides a light field piece. On my appearance, (although on the common high road) the clerk ordered his men to arms; I rode up with one of the North-West company's servants to their camp, and spoke a few words to Mr. Warren (the gentleman at the head of this party;) seeing the danger of the batteaux being attacked, and it being beyond a doubt that this party were to act in a hostile manner, I took immediate steps to prevent the batteaux coming further down. About nine o'clock in the morning (to the best of my recollection) a Canadian came to inform me, that Mr. Miles M'Donnell, with all the people under his direction, were in arms, and proceeding with all possible expedition towards his party on the banks of the Assiniboini river. Mr. Miles M'Donnell's party apparently consisted of about forty men, and his surgeon, Mr. Holdsworth, with some preparations in his line; and nearly at the same time, a Mr. Spencer (who called himself a sheriff,) and an armed party of men passed our establishment in a boat, having a swivel in its bow, which Mr. Spencer loaded, in presence of several of the North-West company's servants, proceeded afterwards in search of the North-West company's batteaux, at the distance of about two or two and a half miles up the Assiniboini river. Mr. Miles M'Donnell took up a position on its banks, there to wait for the North-West company's property, which he now publicly said he intended taking by force. In the course of the day, people were stopped in all directions, and on the common highway, by Mr. Miles M'Donnell. Many attempts were made by his people, by his orders, to take all the North-West company's servants prisoners, although following their usual occupations only. A Canadian, by the name of Charles Boitterne, who had offered his services to the North-West company, to defend their property, was sent for by Mr. Miles M'Donnell, and threatened with immediate imprisonment for so doing. The natives of the country seemed much displeased at these transactions, particularly as it disturbed their traders. Several of them sent to Mr. Miles M'Donnell, requesting that no one might create disturbances on their lands, or disturb those who furnished them with their necessaries. Late in the evening, Mr. Miles M'Donnell returned to his house, leaving at the same time all his people in the position he had taken in the morning, on the banks of the Assiniboini river.