

they placed their services unconditionally at the service of the Governor if he was about to take personal command of the whole Colonial force in the field.

15. The Governor, impressed with the belief that to accept the perhaps hasty resignation of a high spirited and valuable body of men, who had come forward to assist the colony at a time of difficulty, would bear an appearance of ingratitude, and be detrimental to the public interests, modified his arrangements. Mr. Cox's party would return to the Bute Inlet country and resume their interrupted operations. The men from New Westminster, whose discipline was equal to their cheerful endurance of dangers and privations, would co-operate with them, as Mr. Drew might judge expedient, either by marching in full force against the Indians, or by doing so weakened by detaching some men to hold Venohie. The Alexandria party, assisted by Alexis and his followers, will therefore proceed from the old Hudson's Bay fort down the Chilco River, towards Selco's position on the head waters of the Memiaia. Mr. Drew will approach, with probably only a portion of his force, the same spot, by the country previously traversed by Mr. Cox in which Mc Lean fell. The faithful Bella