

for the relief of the Company from an increasing burden, which is, to establish a settlement on the Rainy Lake River, where the soil is excellent, to which the people, above mentioned, may resort. To enable them to make a beginning, in the cultivation of the land, and in the erection of mills, &c. the Company propose to give them fifteen or twenty thousand dollars, and to appoint one of the Partners to superintend the affairs of the settlement, for three years, or for a longer time, if it shall be necessary.

It appears highly probable, that a settlement might thus be formed, which, in a few years, would secure to those who should belong to it, the comforts of life, as the fruit of their own industry; and should they prosper, so far as to raise a supply beyond their own necessities, it might, with mutual advantage, be disposed of to the Company.

The Partners and Clerks of the North West Company, who are in the Indian country, as well as some of those who reside in Canada, and elsewhere, have subscribed several thousand dollars. toward the establishment of a school, either at the Rainy Lake, or at Fort William, for the in-