

settlement ; and balls were forged at the North West Fort, for the avowed purpose of battering down the colonial buildings. In conclusion, after a series of attacks and atrocities on the part of the North West Company, the Governor Miles McDonnell, surrendered himself as a prisoner, and was afterwards sent to Montreal, under a warrant from a partner of the North West Company, for having prohibited the exportation of provisions, and detained the Pemican, as has been before related.

According to the code of laws enforced by the military Sovereigns of the North West Country, it would seem established, that a Governor of a territory might be deposed and torn from the seat of his authority by an interested party acting as justice of the Peace, and sent any distance to take his trial for any offence the interested Magistrate might find it convenient to impute to him. It has been indeed alledged that Miles McDonnell, had, in fact, gone beyond his legal powers in declaring an Embargo, and causing any Pemican or provisions to be detained for the use of his colony. It has also been alledged, that he had omitted some of the formalities prescribed by law to be observed by persons appointed to the station in which he acted. But, if it were conceded, that there was any foundation on which these allegations could rest, his conduct even in that case could not