

date had been killed by the outpost settlers ; and from time to time other attempts were made, the last with as little success as the former. Reports again having reached St. John's from St. George's Bay, stating that some five or six of the Red Indian tribe had been seen near the seacoast in the spring of 1810, the governor, Sir Thomas Duckworth, immediately issued a proclamation for the protection of the tribe, and in the course of the season fitted out a small armed schooner, and, under the command of Lieutenant Buchan, sent her with a party to the head of the Exploits River, with a view to penetrating and searching the interior of the country. After penetrating the country, keeping the course of the Exploits River for two or three days, Lieutenant Buchan came up with a party of them, and having effected something like an understanding with, and distributed presents amongst, them, he prevailed on them to allow two of their number to accompany him to the vessel, leaving two of the marines whom Lieutenant Buchan had with him as a guard, as hostages of good faith ; and appointing a certain time for their return, they separated, apparently well satisfied. No doubt Lieutenant Buchan's intention was most honourable, but, unhappily, something or other intervened to prevent his reaching the spot at the appointed time, and on getting there the marines were found murdered, and the tribe decamped. It has been