

had been distributed to the colonists, as militia men, were also taken from them as often as opportunity offered, or when in the possession of those who assisted the North West Company, were purchased from them at a less price, than is commonly paid to the receivers of stolen goods.

A camp was afterwards established at a place called Frog Plain, at about four miles distance below the settlement, by the servants and partizans of the North West Company, under the command of Alexander McDonnell, another of the partners, for the purpose of co-operating with Cameron. In June, 1815, after the colony had been thus deprived of the means of defence, and was in some measure surrounded by its enemies, the whole force of Mr. Cameron's fort, consisting of bois brulés, servants, and Clerks of the North West Company, sallied forth to make a combined attack on the settlement. They kept up a continued fire of musketry for some time on the governor's house and adjacent buildings; but fortunately in this attack only four persons belonging to the settlement were wounded, one of whom died shortly after of his wounds. In a few days after this attack, the men encamped at Frog Plain, received orders to march to the settlement, where they erected a battery against the building, called the government house, on which they planted a part of the cannon, which they had previously taken from the settlement;