

the *bois brûlés*, or illegitimate children of the North West partners, and servants were during the same period kept, paraded, and exercised in arms, under the immediate inspection of Duncan Cameron. After these preparatory measures had been taken, it was thought that deeds of greater daring might be executed with safety.

The disaffected settlers were, therefore, during a temporary absence of the greater part of those who continued faithful to their duty, incited to rob and pillage the fort belonging to the settlement, of the cannon sent out for its defence, from the Board of Ordnance ; they placed armed centinels at different doors to prevent opposition, while a part of the *bois brûlés*, and servants of the North West Company, under the command of Cameron, were stationed in arms within the distance of a few hundred feet, for the purpose of giving support to the plunderers in case their force should be insufficient. Nine pieces of artillery were thus taken from the settlement, and delivered to the North West party in waiting, who received them with shouts and triumph and conveyed them to their head-quarters, the North West fort in the neighbourhood. Cameron, the *Captain commanding*, gave a ball and entertainment the following evening in celebration of this achievement to the parties engaged. The muskets which had been received from the Board of Ordnance, and