

Scottish Settlers to Port Royal were Flogged by the Spanish



Claverhouse

In 1683 a few Scotch families were brought to Port Royal by Lord Cardross where they established a settlement.

Those were the cruel days of Claverhouse in Scotland, and a scheme was entertained for bringing 10,000 sturdy Covenanters to Carolina.

Claverhouse (near Dundee) was owned by John Graham, 1st Viscount Dundee. The scheme came to nothing. Cardross managed to encounter difficulties with the people at Charleston, and returned to Scotland in disgust.

In 1686, in time of peace, a Spanish force pounced upon Port Royal and murdered some of the Scotchmen, while flogging others within an inch of their lives. The Spanish carried off what booty they could find and left the place a smoking ruin. As a result, the men of Charleston boarded two stout ships with 400 men to sail against St. Augustine, but the newly appointed Governor Colleton arrived upon the scene and forbade their sailing. His mandate was obeyed with growls and curses, however, the governor was

upheld by the lords proprietors.