

rant of the real state of their country as of ours, and whatever their vanity or their interests may induce them to say to the contrary, *I know* that intelligent Americans regard your ignorance and self-sufficiency with contempt and ridicule. In comparing this Province with the United States, you have never taken into consideration the fact that the former is, comparatively, in its infancy, and that it is only since the commencement of the present century that it has received any efficient attention or assistance from the mother country. Notwithstanding these disadvantages, it is utterly false to say that our inferiority is "*every where*" manifested. I know both countries much better than your Lordship does, *or ever will*, and I tell you confidently and truly, that, in agricultural improvement, the frontier of Upper Canada is infinitely superior to the opposite coast. I defy either you or Mr. Munchausen Buller to controvert this assertion. An American gentleman (for I, too "have conversed with intelligent Americans," but they were aware that I knew them too well to be *humbled* like your Lordship) to whom I noticed the circumstance, said, "It is very true that your frontier farms are better, and a *thousand times* better cleared and cultivated than ours." This gentleman owned an extensive farm on the southern shore of Lake Ontario. I have visited nearly the whole extent of both shores, and write not, *as you do*, from *hearsay*, but from actual inspection and experience. And yet your Lordship wishes to persuade her Majesty that a majority of our population *envy* the *superior* advantages enjoyed by the inhabitants of the American frontier, and that "the natural ties of sympathy between them and the English population of the Canadas are peculiarly strong." Whether ignorance or malice dictated this notorious falsehood, I know not; nor in a report containing such innumerable examples of both, is