

now do not expect that the American government will ever send in a sufficiently large army to afford them a security, should they rebel, they feel it their duty to kill all they can while they are coming over, that they may discourage any more from invading the province, that the government may give up the idea of conquering it, and withdraw their forces, that they may go home also; for they are greatly distressed in leaving their families so long, many of whom are in a suffering condition.

Ever since the commencement of the war, there has been no collection of debts by law, in the upper part of the province, and towards the fall in no part; nor would one pay another. No person can get credit from any one to the amount of one dollar; nor can any one sell any of their property for any price, except provision or clothing; for those who have money, are determined to keep it for the last resort. No business is carried on by any person, except what is absolutely necessary for the time.

In the upper part of the province, all the schools are broken up, and no preaching is heard in the land. All is gloomy—all is war and misery.

Upon the declaration of war, the governour laid an embargo on all the flour, wheat, and pork, then in the province, destined for market, which was at a time when very little had left the province. The next harvest was truly bountiful, as also the crops of