

glorify the names of those illustrious foreigners who who came to this country and embarked with our forefathers in their early and hazardous struggle for liberty and independence ; and we had seen monuments to commemorate their services in the cause of our forefathers, put up at the expense of our government ; which was to us a prompting of a desire to earn the same honors for ourselves.

However, my Lord, this was not enough to induce the action of myself, or of any of my unfortunate fellow-citizens. Nor were we moved to interfere with the political affairs of the Canadas, until we had beheld a civil commotion begun and in full operation in those Provinces ; and our services had been solicited by men on whom the people of the Canadas had conferred the highest honors within their gift.

Nor until we had beheld that the Government established therein by Her Majesty, had failed to give security to life and property, (the only legitimate purpose of Government,) and that robbery, arson and murder was being perpetrated in every section of the Provinces, with boldness and impunity.

Nor until we had beheld large numbers of women and children, who had been driven from their homes in the Canadas, by the violence of the soldiery employed therein by Her Majesty's Government, thrown destitute upon our borders, appealing to our sympathies for the bread of existence.

Nor until we had beheld a large foreign army landed in the Canadas, and marched through their territories, not to defend the people from the aggressions of foreign enemies, but to subject them to political slavery.

Yet, when all these matters had passed before our eyes ; and when we had listened to the tales of wrongs and grievances which were related to us by all of the vast number of people who had come among us from the Canadas, and which we believed, because they were similar to those tales we had heard from our forefathers, who had themselves been British Colonists ; and when we had been made to believe that the people of the Canadas were about to make a hearty struggle for liberty, we were