

fellow-subjects from the British Isles. The recent capture and detention of a British subject in the state of New York, charged with murder and arson, on the supposition that he was of the party who destroyed the "Caroline," renders it absolutely necessary that the British nation should be well acquainted with the wanton and flagitious insults they have endured from the inhabitants of the United States. As it is perfectly clear that a correspondence is being carried on between the respective governments on the subject, which may end in something more than words, on this account we feel it necessary to resume our narrative.

It is a source of peculiar gratification, that British interests are confided to a minister at Washington whose judgment is sound, principles honest, perception clear and quick, whose knowledge of American character is unsurpassed, and who, if he be properly supported by the British government, will never compromise its honour or its dignity; and who has witnessed, from the beginning to the present time, the baseness and the perfidy which justly attaches to a portion of the American people, from their wanton and unhallowed interference in Canadian matters.

We brought our account down to the period of the destruction of that piratical boat, the Caroline. It will be remembered, that the position of Navy Island, to which the Caroline was conveying Americans from all parts of the States, and supplying them with food and munitions of war, whilst they were in hostile array against Great Britain, was very peculiar. Besides being near the falls of the Niagara, it was immediately adjacent to a very large island belonging to the Americans, called Grand Island, and no intercourse could be maintained with it, or attack made on it, but was thoroughly exposed to this large island. In order to make some feint of resistance to the incursions of the ferocious banditti swarming to Navy Island from all parts of the States, some few companies of militia were gathered together—a more miserable-looking crew than Falstaff's ragged band.

These were stationed on Grand Island and at Schlosser. These men, *sympathizers*, to a man, were under the command of Colonel Ira Ayres, with Lieut.-Col. Amos Avery for his coadjutor, who seemed to consider that the most effectual way to preserve their nation's honour and her good understanding with the British empire, with whom she was in relations of peace and friendship, was to succour, comfort, and sustain the rebels who had conspired, with lawless American vagabonds, to compass her overthrow, and had actually planted themselves on Navy Island, a portion of her territory, whence they were waging open and active war on the sub-