

are forced in accumulated quantity through the deep declining bed of the river Niagara. Accordingly, the village of Chippawa is placed in an unhealthy situation, and, though a military position both in time of war and of peace, it ought never to be garrisoned by troops except in cases of the most urgent necessity.

Fort Erie is erected on the north-eastern boundary of Lake Erie, near the egress of the river Niagara. This part of the country is but imperfectly cleared of wood, and little seems to have been done with regard to cultivation. The district is unhealthy and thinly inhabited. The tract of land which stretches from Chippawa to Fort Erie, is in many parts deep and marshy, and divided by narrow creeks, the swelling and recession of whose waters are also dependent on the increased or diminished size of the river Niagara. It is, therefore, not to be wondered at, that settlers in this line of territory are at times indisposed by sickness.

The Niagara frontier, extending along