

lation, and extended along the American frontier, and, consequently, exposed to an enemy of immensely superior strength in point of numerical proportion, are, therefore, however unshaken their zeal and undaunted their courage, inadequate to the defence of these colonies. With a reasonable supply of troops from the mother-country, however,—even with half the number to which the importance of these possessions entitle them, which would be at least double the force which is there at present, they would be safe beyond all doubt or apprehension.

The firm attachment of the Indians to our interest is a circumstance which adds greatly to our means of defending and securing our Canadian possessions; and, indeed, constitutes the principal means of our holding these colonies. It may be, therefore, necessary to take notice of the circumstances to which we owe this important alliance. For we must not suppose that the Indians esteem us merely because we are British, nor hate and despise our enemies in that quarter merely because they are Americans; they, as well as civilized nations, must have more potent reasons, and more stimulating motives, for their friendship.