

who, it appears, in immediately surrendering the city, acted under the express orders of his senior in command.

The Council has much gratification in referring to the successful exertions of Lieut. Ashe R. N., in ascertaining the correct site of several of the principal cities in the northern part of this Continent, by simultaneous observations and electrical intercommunication. The results obtained were highly satisfactory and have already been productive of beneficial effects.

The Council is naturally reminded, in connection with this subject, and in alluding to the labors of the energetic vice-president, that few places on the surface of the earth possess such advantages for scientific observations as the site and climate of Quebec. Is it too much to hope that the day is not far distant, when a Public Observatory, suitably fitted up, shall be seen crowning the adjoining heights, presided over as the present very inadequate Observatory in the Citadel now is, by the same active member of the Society? The subject cannot be too earnestly urged by those who are interested in the progress of science.

In conclusion, the Council would recommend perseverance in petitioning the Legislature for support, and in setting the claims of the Society before Government and the Houses of Parliament, notwithstanding the discouraging failure of the application and representations made during the past year. The claims, which such a Society has to the countenance and assistance of the Provincial Government, cannot be reasonably ignored; and when the grants which were made to the kindred Societies in Montreal and Toronto, are taken into consideration, it certainly does appear unfair and inconsistent to withhold similar aid from the Literary and Historical