

executive offices, if a man had walked in and offered to buy a magistrate's or a militia commission; would we not have shown him the door, and have put him out of it, instantly, peremptorily? Yet do you justify the right to buy and sell the power of life and death—to lead men or to mislead them in the trench or in the field—to guard or not to guard them, by forethought and experience, from frost, and wind, and rain; from hunger, surprise, and despondency? Or, if you do not, why not tell the honest truth at once—that, so long as commissions are bought and sold, and their distribution controlled by Parliamentary influence, the Colonial youth, who have no Parliamentary influence, and comparatively less wealth than their competitors at home, are practically shut out from the military service of the Crown.

You tell me that the Colonists can now claim “the protection of the Empire,” but what twaddle is this? What protection does Canada give to India, or Jamaica to Canada? None whatever. Do you not perceive that the whole business and burthen of protecting the Empire falls upon the people of two small islands, who, when they want aid and protection themselves, do not get it from any of the Provinces? Did not the sword of Wolfe win every acre of the soil of Canada, and did not Canada recently refuse a few acres of that very land to encourage soldiers to fight for our common country?

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