

but by the natural course of war, they must surrender.

The defence of the province Quebec depends, 1st, on the maintaining of the naval command of the lakes; 2d, and next, on having within distance of supply and relief (and of mutual communication, where that can be contrived) strongly-fortified posts, with sufficient garrisons, *at the heads of the waters* of that province, on Lake Champlain, with outposts on Lake George and Wood Creek, and on the rivers St. Lawrence, St. Francis, and Chaudiere.

The erecting the district aforementioned, lately called Vermont, into a frontier province, under such establishments civil and military, under such tenure of property, and such frame of government, as shall make it worth the while of those individuals (both those who lead and those who are led) to wish to be under such government, would prove a measure that might be wrought to a principal part of strength.

Another part of defence and strength added to the province Quebec, would be a right establishment and administration of Indian affairs.

The settling such of the loyalists, refugees from the Americans, as choose to live