

I shall only add that the severe losses sustained by our troops in the hard fought campaign of 1814 on the Niagara line, arose from the obstinate neglect of Sir George to furnish reinforcements to that part of the army on the opening of the navigation, notwithstanding the manifest preparations of the enemy to make their real attack in that quarter.

Moreover I am informed, that Sir Geoge and General Sheaffe, when at York in winter 1812, were of opinion, that Upper Canada could not be defended with the then means; in which opinion a gentleman in high civil situation there joined;—so that it may be truly said, both Provinces were preserved by a kind of miracle in aid of the exertions of others, in spite of the opinions, incapacity, and egregious blunders of the Commander of the forces, and against his intentions of evacuating the country beyond Kingston, and General Sheaffe's wish for a premature abandonment of Fort Erie.

It was my intention to have given also a sketch of Sir George's civil administration, but reflecting that it has been already so ably depicted, by NERVA, in his admirably written allegory, I shall for the present not prosecute that intention.

VERITAS,

*Montreal, 7th June 1815,*

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