

and immediately falls into the basin above mentioned *. It is now, by the provisional treaty, included within the territories of the United States, the boundary line running immediately below it, but is still in the possession of Great Britain.

Above these rapids, on the borders of Lake Champlain, and near its end, is the Fort of St John, which was taken by the American army in 1776, after a siege of forty days. It is now repaired, is in the hands of a British garrison, and serves as the station and dock-yard for the King's ships upon the lake, which, with the gunboats

* Until an invading army has taken this fort, or Montreal, they cannot attack, with a prospect of success, the interior parts of the country, as they must otherwise make a great circuit about, in a district every where intersected with creeks and swamps, through which it is almost impossible to march, even with light troops.