

of their own choice, and being as void of justice and humanity, and therefore deserve to be killed for their intrusion.

In August, the inhabitants were called together, in order that all who had not taken the oath of allegiance might take it without exception. However, some refused, some were put in cells, and others were not dealt so hard with. Many took the oath rather than suffer thus.

Some time in the month of November, the Americans became masters of lake Ontario, which was very grievous to the British. About the same time, the governor issued a proclamation ordering all the citizens of the United States, residing in the province of Upper Canada, who had refused to take the oath of allegiance, to leave the province by applying at certain boards of inspection appointed to examine into the claims of those who asked that privilege ; and all who did not so receive passports, and leave the province by the first of January, 1813, and still refused to take the oath of allegiance, should be considered as alien enemies and spies, and be dealt with accordingly. This proclamation was of short duration and but little circulated ; of course, but few received the benefit which they ought to have had, according to Jay's treaty.

The victories that the British obtained over Hull at Detroit, and Van Rensselaer at Queens-