6 54 Geo. III. Journals of the Legislative Council. A. 1814.

the Allies in this momentous contest, afford the well grounded hope of a restoration of independence to the Nations so long oppressed, and of a return of Peace to that part of the World.

In Spain, and in the Territory even of France herself, into which His Majesty's victorious Arms have been carried, the splendid achievement of the Marquis of Wellington, and of the united British, Spanish and Portuguese forces, in the Victories of Vittoria, and of the Pyrenees, and the fall of Saint Sebastian, have rivalled those of any former period, and are just subjects of congratulation.

In turning our eyes to our own shores, we have abundant cause for gratitude to the Supreme Giver of all good, for the termination of the late Campaign in a manner so glorious to the British Arms, and so disastrous to those of the enemy.

The defeat sustained by him on the Chateauguay, where a handful of brave Canadians repelled a powerful division of his Army, and the brilliant Victory obtained by a small corps of observation, on the banks of the Saint Lawrence, over the formidable Armament commanded by General Wilkinson, have at the same time nobly upheld the honor of His Majesty's Arms, and effectually disconcerted all the plans of the enemy for the Invasion of this Province.

It is also matter of further and sincere congratulation, that, notwith-standing the various events of the last summer, by which a footing was gained by the enemy in the Upper Province, they have since been compelled to abandon the greater part of it, and that the Theatre of War has been transferred into their own Territory, where Niagara, the r strongest Fortress, and the important Posts of Black-Rock and Buffalo, have lately been wrested from them by British Valor and Enterprize.

In reviewing these events, I cannot but contemplate with pride and satisfaction, the zealous discharge of duty which I have witnessed as well in the militia, as in all classes of His Majesty's Subjects in this Province, and which I consider the surest indication of their loyalty to their Sovereign, and of their determination to defend, to the last extremity, this valuable portion of his Dominions.