

garrison of Quebec and the river St. Lawrence has over the Canadas are valuable advantages, and certainly of vast importance: but they are only to the possession of the Canadas, as the capital is to the kingdom, or as the citadel to the city. In the defence of the country, they are strong and important positions; but to rest the safety of our possession of the country, in any considerable degree, upon them, would be little better than voluntarily resigning it to the enemy.

Our government, however, must have trusted the safety of these provinces principally to these circumstances, otherwise they would have been more prompt in furnishing the means of defending them at the commencement of hostilities, and, at this moment, would have had a much greater force in that country.

Regarding the loyalty of the Canadians, and their attachment to their parent-country, they are certainly of vast importance in the defence of these colonies. If proofs of this were wanting, let us look back to the late American war, and witness their zeal and enthusiasm in the British cause in the present struggle. The Canadas, consisting as yet but of a small popu-