

citizens of the United States have the same rights and privileges that we have, and can come into the province when they please, to claim and exercise them, what is this but to place us under the control and dominion of a foreign power? and thus surrender the most valuable section of the province of Quebec, a province which has ever been considered one of the most brilliant ornaments of the British crown, and is associated in our minds with some of the most splendid events which emblazon the pages of our history. Recent achievements still more splendid, have indeed obscured the glory of the conquest of Quebec, but it was once the theme of the orator's eloquence and the statesman's pride, inspiring the soldier with valour and the civilian with patriotism; and we may be still allowed to read in the possession of the Canadas, the fruit of those mighty councils by which Chatham elevated the character of our country, and spread her glory through the world.

To see the promiscuous admission of all foreigners into the province, and the declaration that American citizens coming in to reside, are all British subjects on taking the oath of allegiance, not merely argued, but actually formed into enactments, and sent up for the concurrence of your honourable House, places the question respecting aliens in such extraordinary circumstances, that your committee feel