

“ laid upon such articles as are least necessary
“ to our subsistence ?

“ I beseech you therefore, my dear coun-
“ trymen, to open your eyes upon this sub-
“ ject; I mean such of you as may have been
“ deceived by the artful misrepresentations of
“ those who are really your enemies, and who
“ are now endeavouring to make you act in
“ such a manner as to become yourselves the
“ instruments of gratifying that hatred they
“ bear you, and thereby to lose the affection
“ of your sovereign.

“ I had almost forgot to mention one of
“ their subjects of complaint. It has been
“ reported that a Canadian regiment is to be
“ raised. This circumstance they lay hold
“ of to spread an alarm amongst you, by
“ telling you that you will be forced to list
“ yourselves for soldiers in this regiment, and
“ go to war in distant countries; thus con-
“ verting what has been solicited for you as
“ a favour and benefit, into an object of ter-
“ rour. But surely you can never be made
“ to think that it would be a misfortune to
“ the province to have a regiment of Canadi-
“ ans raised in it, that should be commanded
“ intirely by Canadian officers. Would not
“ such a measure restore a number of re-
“ spectable families in the province to a degree
“ of splendor which would reflect an honour
“ upon the whole colony ? The persons who
“ try to frighten you by dwelling upon this
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