

and becoming, by that means, acquainted with the opinions, which its inhabitants the French and English Canadians entertain towards the United States, and thus be enabled to contrast the defects of that subjected nation, with the excellencies of our republican form of government. Not only the wonderful operations of nature, her caverns, her mineral springs, her lofty precipices, her deep gulfs, but the stupendous performances of man also, are here and there to be seen, equal if not superior to similar works so much extolled in the elder countries. These and many more, are inducements, in addition to the sites of famous battles, which are certainly not to be considered as insignificant.

It must be owned that accounts of travels in Europe, are greedily perused, in preference to these in our own country. Yet the difference between them is very considerable; the one is a dull monotony of town after town, edifices, statesmen, and literati; the other, a constant and agreeable change from flourishing villages to gloomy deserts, from mountains to wide inland oceans, from wigwams to dashing water-falls, and then again to splendid cities and state-houses, with all their patriotic meetings, assemblies, and conventions. There is this difference in particular, that the slightest error will be detected in the latter, whilst in the former, all the flowery additions, tinsel ornaments and absurdities, with which foreign travellers frequently decorate their accounts, give additional entertainment; because

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