

operation on the part of the army, but no such attack or co-operation took place.

The loss however of that fleet, mortifying as it was, is trifling, when compared with the humiliation resulting from the fatal expedition to Plattsburgh, and the disgraceful retreat therefrom without fighting; because Sir George thereby cast a stain upon our well earned military renown, which has had a most pernicious moral effect at a distance, viewed as it has been through American misrepresentation, and consequently exaggerated into a military defeat, instead of being considered as it really was, owing to the gross fault of the commander alone, in direct opposition to the wishes and feelings of almost every officer and soldier in his army.

And what adds to the misfortune, is, that no reasoning or explanation can ever effectually eradicate the false impression made by that lamentable retreat, in which our gallant troops were such indignant actors, and which impression may be the cause of bringing about another war upon the part of the United States, at an earlier period than would have been the case, had the fleet been saved and the works of Plattsburg carried.

The candid part of the American officers, ridicule Sir George's conduct at Sackett's Harbour and Plattsburg, although benefiting thereby as much as we can do, who are such heavy sufferers therefrom.