

has already commenced between England and the colonies. Hostilities have already began. To fight the King's troops has become a necessary and incumbent duty. The colonies cannot avoid it, but pray is it necessary that the Canadians and the inhabitants of the English colonies should butcher one another? God forbid! there is no controversy subsisting between you and them.— Pray let old England and the colonies fight it out, and, you, Canadians, stand by and see what an arm of flesh can do! We are apprehensive that the conduct of your people before complained of, had not a general approbation; and are still confident that your country, as such, will not wage war with the colonies or approve the aforesaid hostile conduct of your people, as we conceive it to be impolitic, to the last degree, for the Canadians to enter into a bloody war without either a provocation or motive; and when at the same time, every motive of interest, virtue and honour, are ready at hand to dissuade you from it. In fine, we conclude Saint Luke, Capt McCoy, and other evil minded persons, whose interest and inclination it is, that the Canadians and the people of these colonies should cut one another's throats, have inveigled some of the baser sort of your people to attack our said reconnoitring party. We expect, gentlemen, as to these particulars, you will, in good time, inform us; and subscribe ourselves, Your real friends,

ETHAN ALLEN, } *At present, the principal commanders of*  
 JAMES EASTON, } *the army.*

A copy of the foregoing letter was, this day, sent to Mr. Walker, our trusty friend, at Montreal, per favour of Mr. Jeffere, whose fidelity is unquestionable, and it is wholly left with Mr. Walker to make its contents the most public that he possibly can, whether by printing it and translating it into French, &c. We, furthermore, thought it expedient your Honours should have a copy communicated to you. Yours, at command,

ETHAN ALLEN,  
 JAMES EASTON.