

to avenge defeat and to enhance victory, and that it was the sound common sense of the nations at large and their sense of fundamental unity which compelled a cessation of the fratricidal slaughter, useless as it was terrible.

The descendant of Cavalier and Roundhead can join in praise of their ancestors in the Revolution of the seventeenth century and can forget the disputes which divided them. These ancestors were of the same people, though divided by their different views as to Royal Government. So, too, the time is rapidly approaching when the descendants of the Roundhead and Cavalier of the Revolution of the eighteenth century—the Continental and the Loyalist—may join in recognizing the merits of their ancestors; for these, too, were of the same people, though they also were divided by their views of government.

I do not forget, either, that since then, there have been many thousands of the citizens of the one State who have made their home in the other. Their descendants claim to be true-born Americans or Canadians; rather reminding one of the Frenchman who on the day of his naturalization in England said he felt much elated, for "to-day I conquered at Waterloo, while yesterday I was defeated." There are to-day many tens of thousands of Americans who conquered at Plattsburgh, whose ancestors were there defeated.

Were that battle but the victory of an American over a British force, much as I love the American nation, my altruism would not rise, could not be expected to rise, to the height of heartily rejoicing with them on this anniversary. Your flag I esteem and honour, mine own I love and revere—your glory I rejoice in, for we be brethren; the glory of Britain is my very own, a heritage to which I was born, no jot or tittle of which will I ever willingly give up.

Nothing which has been said of the bravery of the forces on either side, of the skill and determination of Macdonough, the dogged valour of the ill-fated Downie, but I cordially endorse. I can even look with equanimity upon the retreat of Prevost and set it over against