

them in, to which the Colonel agreed, but ordered them to take no arms; but when they found they must not take arms, they would not go. At the first of December they had increased to about three hundred: about which time as I was on my way to Kingston to obtain a passport to leave the province, I saw about fifty of them near Smith's creek, in Newcastle district, on the main road, with fife and drum, beating up for volunteers, crying huzza for Madison.

None of the people in this district bear arms, except twelve at Presquile harbour. They are universally in favour of the United States, and if ever another army is landed in Canada, it ought to be here, which would be a hundred miles from any British force, and before one could march there, nearly all the Canada militia would desert, especially if the American army was large. But whenever the Americans attempt to land where there is an army, that army will fight till they are nearly all destroyed, for they dare not rebel, not having now any faith in any offers of protection in a rebellion, as they have been deceived. Indeed many of the militia are considerably exasperated against the invaders, for they think that it is hard that they should feel the misery of war who have no agency in the councils of England, and know that the United States government cannot force any man over the line, of course those that come, they view as coming of their own choice, as void of justice