

MEMOIRS of the Administrations of SIR JAMES HENRY CRAIG, and SIR GEORGE PREVOST, in the Province of *Lower-Canada*, from the Autumn of 1807, until the Spring of 1815; comprehending the military and naval operations in the *CANADAS*, during the late War with the United States of America.

CHAPTER I.

TWO years in which we meet with no remarkable occurrence had elapsed under the Administration of Mr. *Dunn*, when SIR JAMES HENRY CRAIG arriving at Quebec in the autumn of 1807, assumed the reins of Government in the Canadas. The former in constant expectation of a Governor from home, may have probably limited himself in the exercise of the government of the colony, and his successor must therefore have found affairs in suspense on his arrival.

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1807.

The American Government at that time began to breathe a hostile spirit towards Great-Britain, but, although an appeal was made to the loyalty of the People by his Predecessor, the Governor was averse to embody the Militia, until an emergency should at once demand and justify the measure. It does not appear that he mistrusted, on the contrary, he expressed on various occasions a confidence in the loyalty of the province, and the hereditary animosity of the Canadian to the American character, was a pledge of their fidelity, which he however seemed willing to avoid (from what motive it is not well understood) putting to the test.

His first measure was to convoke the House of Assembly
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