

having sacrificed their all in the American rebellion, for attachment to their king and country, are still relentlessly pursued by American ambition, as objects of pillage and extermination: and which also contain a brave population, partly British born, but *the greater proportion descended from our ancient rivals*, who, in linking their fortunes with those loyalists and native Britons, emulate their exertions for the common defence, and spurn at the insidious offers of American fraternization. And further, that she will step forth for the deliverance, from American domination and injustice, OF THOSE FAITHFUL INDIANS, who have the strongest claims upon our national justice, honour, and humanity. Indeed, the claims of all seem paramount, and a stronger combination for action cannot be conceived; therefore none can doubt of the national efforts being proportionate.

“It may be asked, what injuries have the Indians who inhabit the country, without the British territory, sustained from the Americans, which can justify the inveterate antipathy which has produced so many Indian wars, and which have excited those apprehensions of extermination, so generally entertained by the Aborigines. In the number of those injuries and wrongs are the following, as mentioned in substance by the sagacious Tecumsech, in his interesting interview with the lamented and brave General Brock, whom he came to see, and aid in his expedition to repel Hull’s invasion of Upper Canada:

“*First*, The Americans systematically encroach upon their lands, and drive them from their hunting grounds.

“*Second*, The American government make fraudulent purchases of their lands, from Indians who have no right or power to sell: as, for example, by getting a few insignificant members of a village to make a sale, to colour usurpation.

“*Third*, The American government in many instances have paid the Indians only *one farthing an acre* for lands which they sold immediately afterwards for six dollars; thereby deriving a most productive article of revenue from this nefarious system; and even this miserable pittance of one farthing per acre, they connive at their agents in embezzling.