

" in this important particular. *Indeed, the unusual*
 " *value of every species of produce in the neighbour-*
 " *hood of the lumbering establishments has induced*
 " *a number of people, at every risk to occupy and*
 " *clear lands at various places above the present*
 " *surveys, which extend no higher than the Chats*
 " *Lakes. In no view are the advantages of a navi-*
 " *gation between Lake Huron and the Ottawa more*
 " *evident than with regard to the lumber trade.*
 " *By such a communication the winter supplies of*
 " *the timber cutters would be obtained from the*
 " *fertile countries south and west of that great lake*
 " *at one third of the cost now incurred in procuring*
 " *them from Montreal, and the certain result would*
 " *be an ample and steady supply of timber below the*
 " *present prices. If, therefore, there were no other*
 " *object in view but that of insuring a regular sup-*
 " *ply of necessaries at the cheapest rate for work-*
 " *ing the great pine fields of the Ottawa, it is*
 " *highly interesting to ascertain what natural faci-*
 " *lities may exist for a communication between*
 " *Lake Huron and the upper waters of that river."*

This testimony from an eye-witness ought to have
 some weight. But indeed the case for the Colonies
 is so strong that it requires very little proof or argu-
 ment.

It cannot be possible that ministry will look upon
 us with any degree of that apathy which some of
 the Honourable Members of the House of Commons
 seem to possess,* or that they can forget for a mo-

* On the 7th December last, Mr. Warburton considering our fate as
 sealed, contemplates our ruin with most philosophical coolness and with-
 out expressing the least sense of compunction, for the hand he may have
 had in it, states that when the new regulations with respect to trade
 are put in force, the Rideau Canal must become "totally useless," and
 the great expenditure on it must, of course, be a total loss. "He protested
 " against any further expenditure on the Rideau Canal, as the regulations