

molestation or arrogance of any foreign country whatever, and this I would recommend not altogether on our own account, but rather on the score of humanity towards our inoffensive friends on the other side of the line 45. There are some, still living, who helped to defend Canada when the enemy thought to overwhelm it with their numbers, who witnessed the harrasing duties of our Militia, as well as the desolation of the Niagara and other portions of our frontier, and who have therefore a right, I humbly conceive, to warn the present generation of the inhabitants of Canada, not to be too confiding in Republican humanity, or the hoiied words of after-dinner speeches about our having "common resources and affinities" with themselves; as to their reminding us that we "speak the same language," it is all balderdash and only meant to hoodwink us, for we spoke the same language and had the same common resources and affinities in 1812 just as much as now, yet they declared war against us then, because Great Britain was engaged in a dreadful war in Europe, and they thought we should be unable to resist them and would fall an easy prey, so they issued a parcel of scarecrow proclamations and set upon us with all their might; they burnt the pretty and hospitable little town of Niagara to the ground, turning its defenceless inhabitants pitilessly into the snow in the month of December, and plundered and devastated the country about Long Point, behaving more like Brigands than an

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