

PREFACE.

The invasion of Upper Canada by a small American army commanded by Brigadier General William Hull and the surrender of this force at Detroit is one of the most interesting and instructive episodes of the War of 1812. This initial disaster to the arms of the United States unquestionably exerted a material influence on all subsequent operations on that part of the Canadian frontier.

The letters and documents now for the first time brought together have been transcribed from a variety of sources, but chiefly from the military correspondence preserved in the Dominion Archives. A considerable number of them have never been printed before. The original text has been carefully followed, wherever possible. No available document of historical significance has been omitted, and it is believed that every phase of the campaign is adequately covered.

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