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The American forces were gradually collected at the lower ends of Lakes Ontario and Champlain, under Generals Wilkinson and Hampton, with the intention of making a combined attack on Montreai, while the chief part of the British regular force was in Upper-Canada. It was evident that if this attack fould have fucceeded, and the comma d of that City and the furrounding country been retained by the Americans, Upper-Canada was conquered, and every British fordier in it a prisoner, or forced to fight his way to Quebec. There was nothing to prevent Wilkinson, with fuitable boats, and able pilots for the rapids, to land on the island of Montreal, with an army completely equipped, in three or four days after his leaving Lake Ontario. Hampton was only a couple of days march from the St. Lawrence. Sir George Prevolt, who had returned to the Lower Province, called upon the prople of Lower-Canada to defend their country, and never was the call of a commander, under fimilar circumstances, more cheerfully obeyed. The fighting, however, fell to the lot of the embodied militia and regular forces. There feemed to have been fome mifunderstanding or misinform :tion with respect to time, between the enemy's commanders. Hampton feems to have employed himfelf from the 20th of Sept. to the 20th Oct. in calling out and collecting the forces of Lower-Canada, by the time of General Wilkinson's arrival On the 21st of Oct. the former entered the Province, with a force varioully stated at from 3000 to 7000 men,* apparently with the intention of penetrating to the St. Lawrence by the River Chateauguay. On the 26th, he came upon Col. De Salaberry's polition on that river, about 30 miles from the frontier. This officer, a nat ve of Canada, belonging to one of its old and most deftinguished families, had ferved with the British army in var.ous parts of the world. To great activity and perfonal intre-

*Some American official accounts say 5500.