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*General SMYTH's PROCLAMATION,
Previous to his intended invasion, will give the reader
some idea of this gasconading General.*

GENERAL SMYTH

To the Soldiers of the Army of the Centre.

COMPANIONS IN ARMS !

The time is at hand when you will cross the streams of Niagara to conquer Canada, and to secure the peace of the American Frontier.

You will enter a country that is to be one of the United States. You will arrive among a people who are to become your fellow citizens. It is not against *them* that we come to make war. It is against that Government which holds them as vassals.

You will make this war as little as possible distressful to the Canadian population. If they are peaceable, they are to be secure in their persons ; and in their property, as far as our imperious necessities will allow.

Private plundering is absolutely forbidden. Any soldier who quits his rank to plunder on the field of battle, will be punished in the most exemplary manner.

But your just rights as soldiers will be maintained ; whatever is *booty* by the usages of war, you shall have. All horses belonging to the artillery and cavalry ; all waggons and teams in public service, will be sold for the benefit of the captors. Public stores will be