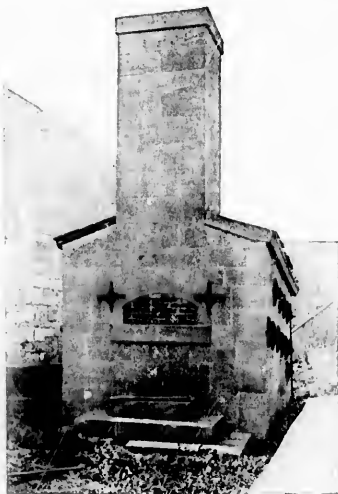


It is sincerely to be hoped that the United States will forever guard and preserve these buildings and the earthworks of the old fort, and not allow them to be razed or restored. They should be allowed to remain intact, as memorials of the history of former generations.

And so, in the belief that I have proved the statement, I close substantially as I began, by asserting that no one spot of land in North America has played a more important part, been more coveted, and exerted a greater influence, both in peace and war, on the control, on the growth, on the settlement, and on the civilization of the country, than the few acres embraced within the limits of old Fort Niagara!



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