

THE
DEFENCE OF CANADA.

ALTHOUGH in the late debates in Parliament it has been elicited from the Government that 'there is no danger of war with America, and that nothing that has recently passed indicates any hostile disposition on the part of the United States,' the country may congratulate itself that the debates have taken place, as, without giving any just cause of offence to the United States, the policy of England with respect to the defence of Canada has been clearly declared, and with such perfect unanimity that the consequences of an attack on Canada cannot fail to be appreciated.

All parties, however much they may differ as to the measures to be taken for the defence of Canada, agree with Lord Palmerston, that 'this is not a Canadian question ; that it is not a local question ; but that it is an Imperial question : ' in other words, that an attack of Canada means war with Great Britain—