

give his opinion on military operations ; wherein his opinions were formerly adopted ; most humbly hopes that he shall not be thought to have gone too far in presuming to give the opinion which follows.

Your Majesty's government is extended over the provinces Quebec and Nova Scotia ; your Majesty's arms possess New York, and in some measure cover the possessions of the Staten and Long Island ; possess also Charles-town, and have an ascendant command in Georgia and East Florida. Between the frontiers of New York, New England, and Quebec, there is a district possessed by a number of people, who having withdrawn themselves from the revolted provinces, and taken as yet no part in the war, have fortified themselves in a state of neutrality.

The possession of the provinces Quebec and Nova Scotia, is necessary to Great Britain so long as she retains her plantations in the islands of the West Indies : they are the sources from whence (at a certainty, under all events) these islands can draw their necessary supply of lumber, fish, and live stock. The memorial does not here take notice of the supply of flour, corn, and grain, nor of salt-provisions, which may in future be drawn  
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