

the spirit of braggery in the Americans, it would not be wise to be off our guard, it might therefore not be amiss to pay a little closer attention to our defences, and to keep a sharp look out for coming events; surely a little more precaution can do no harm, and would be attended with less expense just now, and the work be better done, than when an ambitious and greedy enemy is knocking at the door as if he were master. I know right well that our people are a brave people and a loyal people; that at the present moment a sentiment of respect and attachment for British rule and our Sovereign, pervades the whole of the huge regions of British America (upwards of four millions of square miles.) and that therefore there is no cause for anxiety on that score. But unfortunately we have ambitious restless republicans for neighbours, who are relentlessly bent upon grasping at every thing round about them. Towards Canada they have repeatedly acted most unscrupulously, seeking whenever circumstances seemed to favor it, to distract the country and stir up its inhabitants to rebellion, as was the case during the revolutionary war, when they vainly endeavoured to seduce the French Canadians from their allegiance to the British Crown, and likewise in the recent troubles in Canada, when the good sense and stern loyalty of the people foiled them. They have repeatedly tried to seize and subdue this country by force, but the indomitable courage, and incorruptible fidelity of the Militia side by side with