

paltry equivocation and shuffling which have marked their official character. Had a Washington or a Hamilton presided at this eventful period, how different would have been their conduct!

The misfortunes which have attended the American arms in Upper Canada will most likely contribute to check the pride and insolence of the populace, though it may not convince an ignorant Government of its errors. Their ill success on land was as unexpected by the generality of the Canadians, as their temporary success at sea was unlooked for by the British nation. The invasion and reduction of the Upper Province, at least, was considered almost inevitable, from the superior numbers which it was thought would be brought against it. Lower Canada might be overrun; but while Quebec and the navigation of the St. Lawrence remained to us, it was not likely that it would be conquered.

The ignorance and imbecility of the American Government have, however, completely baffled the expectations of all parties;