

Notwithstanding, therefore, the great disproportion which does, and probably always will, exist, between the population of the American States and the British Provinces, the American Government would not be able to avail itself of the physical strength of the Country, nor could it, upon any sudden emergency, bring a greater portion of it to bear upon the Colonies than the Colonists, if actuated by an ardent desire to resist them, could successfully oppose, until they received the aid of the Mother Country.

The Colonies are capable of supporting as dense a population as that portion of the United States which adjoins them: judicious treatment on the part of Great-Britain would soon create that population, and might easily instil, into their breasts, ardent sentiments of attachment to the British Government; and when this was effected, we should have little more to apprehend from America, than they would have from us: the Colonial Settler would have no inclination to leave his comfortable home to make an unprofitable inroad into the United States; and the American Citizen would, generally speaking, be equally unwilling to quit his farm and his family, and trudge with his knapsack on his back, to render the British Colonies subject to the American Government, or to incorporate them into a Confederation of which they were not desirous to become Members.

Let those who attach so much importance to the positive superiority of the United States over the Colonies, in point of numbers, reflect, that even the formidable power of the Russian Empire (where the pursuits and habits of the People dispose them to become Soldiers, and the absolute sway of the Sovereign enables him to command their services) is much lessened by the distance of that country from the ordinary scene of action; and if that is the case, under such a Government, and with such a People, how much more so must it be under such a Government as that of the United States, who cannot compel a single inhabitant within their extensive territories to march beyond their limits, but must depend upon voluntary enlistment to recruit their Armies, and find means to induce peaceful Citizens to quit the warm and fertile vallies of the Mississippi to encounter the rigours of a Canadian campaign.

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