

be dependent, as the means of their carrying on war would be in the hands of that power alone. But it may perhaps be asked, what reasons there are to apprehend that these people, who were once our most steady friends and allies, should now be supposed to be inclined to act against us? There are indeed but too solid grounds for this apprehension; they formerly considered us in the light of a counterpoise to the power of the French, their ancient and natural enemies; but since the reduction of Quebec, they have considered us in a very different and less favourable light. It is unnecessary to enter into the particulars of our conduct the last year in the river St. Laurence, wherein they imagined themselves injured, but certain it is, they did imagine themselves injured, and