It was in the barefaced manner above published, and explained by American authorities, that as fast as volunteers could be collected in the United States for the invasion of Canada, they were allowed to arm themselves from stores of artillery, muskets with bayonets, rifles and knapsacks, which the American government, for no ostensible object, had deposited in unprotected stores all along the Canada frontier; in short, as the American citizen, Brigadier-General Thos. S. Sutherland has honestly confessed, "the doors were opened, and the patriots told to help themselves."

They did help themselves: we submitted for a fortnight to be fired upon by this artillery and by these muskets; and then because, for the reasons I have stated, we struck a single blow in return, the government of the United States declared the act an "outrage," and demanded and OBTAINED from the British sovereign an acknowledgment of the wrong, and that an apology was due for it!