

PREFACE.

THE author's principal motives for laying the following pages before the public is, to shew the importance of the Canadas, in order to draw attention to their present perilous situation, with a view to adequate measures being taken for their defence ; and to point out the errors by which the interests both of the British ship-owners and North-American colonists have been sacrificed to the Americans, that the like mistakes may be guarded against, in any negotiations with the American government.

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