

are attached to us, and they would join us again, and it is not improbable that we may again want another Metos, a Tecumseth, or a Brant. Fort Amherstburg is a frivolous affair.—Hamilton, that important position, is unprotected, and Toronto, as of old, is completely exposed, whereas some defences should be on Gibraltar Point, and there is a very eligible and strong position, about a mile or so to the Westward of where the Grenadiers of the 8th Regiment and their gallant Captain McNeil, were cut up, and the brave Mr. McLean, Clerk of the House of Assembly, was killed, it is a position from which the Harbour could be defended; the defences of Kingston are incomplete, Prescott and the Coteau du Lac are not what they ought to be, Montreal is left quite exposed, although it is there, in all probability, where the heaviest blow would be struck, in order to cut off the west from Quebec; the positions of the Isle aux Noix, and Chambly, might delay but would not prevent an enemy from advancing upon and seizing Montreal, and yet that city is susceptible of a most powerful defence, if the mountain and St. Helen's Island were well fortified. I heard some years ago from most undoubted authority, that it was the intention of the Home Government to fortify Queenston Heights, and the Short Hills, in the Niagara District, Hamilton in the Gore District, Bois Blanc Island opposite Amherstburg, and that the contemplated chain of Redoubts around Kingston was to be completed, besides minor