

in a very small degree ; the difference, in short, between the State of New York and Great Britain, in these respects, is not perceptible to Europeans in general. The province of Upper Canada adjoins to York State, being divided in part by the majestic river St. Lawrence.

Europeans who quit their native soil for the western world, should, before they leave their home, weigh maturely the cause of their departure. If politics form a part of their reason, I should wish them to make choice of the United States, not as preferable in themselves, or because that government will better please them ; but because discontented or disappointed politicians would not suit the province I have undertaken to describe. I shall presume, however, the object of an emigrant to be to remove to a spot where he can, with greater ease, maintain a rising family, and increase a small capital. Such a settler will find Upper Canada well suited to his purpose. English people, untainted by political speculations, are naturally attached to their own constitution. I confess, for my own part, that when I first crossed the St. Lawrence, and set my foot on British ground, after residing in the American States, I perceived sensations that were unexpected even to myself. I seemed at once to step home. I need not describe my feelings on this occasion ; a true Englishman can well imagine them, and with respect to those that are not so, I am perfectly indifferent.

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