

P R E F A C E

THIS book, intended to be an instalment of Canadian history, has been compiled as far as possible simply from the dispatches on both sides relating to the war. Nearly all of them will be found printed in one or other of the following books:—The *Annual Register*; the Appendices to James's *Naval and Military Occurrences* of the war; Brannan's *Official Letters of the Military and Naval Officers of the United States during the Wars with Great Britain in the Years 1812 to 1815*, Washington City, 1823; and the *Documentary History of the Campaigns upon the Niagara Frontier*, collected and edited for the Lundy's Lane Historical Society, by Lieut.-Col. E. Cruikshank, to whom students of the war owe a debt of gratitude. The different printed versions of the dispatches in these books do not always quite tally with each other. Among other Canadian books I have consulted Mr. Brymner's *Reports on Canadian Archives*; the second volume of Christie's *History of the late Province of Lower Canada*, 1849; Professor Hannay's *History of the War of 1812*; and the eighth volume of Kingsford's *History of Canada*. Six out of the eight maps which accompany the letterpress are cotemporary American maps, which the Delegates of the Clarendon Press have been good enough to reproduce. They are from a little volume in the Colonial Office Library, entitled *Military and Topographical Atlas of the United States including the British Possessions and Florida, &c.*, by John Melish, Philadelphia, 1813. I wish to express my warm acknowledgments to Mr. C. Atchley, I.S.O., Librarian of the Colonial Office, for constant and kindly help given to me in this as in other books.

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