

away with them, under guard, several persons, American-born citizens, whom they had held in durance, on the sole charge of being spies on the "Patriots," and who did not escape from their brutal and merciless clutches until they had been marched to Tonnawanta, a distance of twelve miles from Buffalo. All these facts have been well attested, on the oaths of persons of unimpeachable veracity, and they assuredly ought to make, and will make, their due impression on the reflecting and virtuous portion of all civilized communities, and interest the British nation on behalf of their now incarcerated fellow-subject, Mr. M'Leod, in the state of New York.

We shall proceed to other unequivocal demonstrations of the rankling hatred, on the part of the American frontier people, towards the subjects of a country, from whom they have received nothing but kindness, and who, till lately, never felt towards them ought but good-will. Besides, it was well and generally known, that the *Caroline*, the *Barcelona*, and the *New England* steamers, were specially and expressly hired for the sole purpose of carrying on war against Great Britain; and the fact was too notorious, even for explanation, that artillery, arms, ammunition, and provisions were constantly and regularly shipped at Schlosser, from whence the *Caroline* was taken, for the use of the plundering banditti on Navy Island. No testimony can be more valuable than that of eminent persons of the country against whom these charges are preferred. Happily, there were not wanting virtuous individuals in the States who protested against these flagitious proceedings and foul enormities, as will be seen from the following extracts from an eminent judge's (M'Lean) charge, delivered at the Circuit Court of the United States, to the grand jury, at Columbus, in Ohio:—"Great excitement is known to exist at this time in Canada, from serious hostile movements, contemplated by citizens of this country, in conjunction with a few disaffected subjects of that country. Associations of citizens of the United States have been formed along the whole extent of our northern boundary, with the view, at a fixed time, to make a descent upon Canada. These associations embrace an immense number of individuals, who are known to each other by certain signs and pass-words. They are actively engaged in collecting the *materiel* of war, and raising men. Military officers are appointed; and, in anticipation of success, they have appointed civil officers. During the past winter, many of our citizens were engaged in this lawless enterprise. This was proved by the records of our own courts, and of the courts of Canada, and by well-authenticated accounts which have been published. Indeed, it is notorious, that organized bodies of men were marched through the northern part of this and other states on our northern