

sum of £15,000 sterling; but in five months afterwards it cost Her Majesty's Government nearly four millions sterling to protect the Canadas and the loyal inhabitants! This plan or document of Mr. Commissary-General Greigg is now in Mr. Brand's Office, Treasury Department, in England, and is a subject of reflection for statesmen and economists.

That at the breaking out of the Canadian Rebellion, your Memorialist was engaged by the authorities of the State of Michigan (United States) as ornithologist and assistant geologist, in a geological survey, at a salary of 1,500 dollars per annum (equal to £300 sterling); and in addition to this, he was commissioned by the University of the State, and fifteen of its branches, to collect ornithological specimens and make up museums, the profits of which would amount to a very considerable sum. That on the breaking out of the Rebellion your Memorialist resided in the city of Detroit, and soon became aware that an expedition was being got up by the citizens of Michigan, and under the head of a Canadian revolt, the object of which was to take the fort and town of Amherstberg, a post of considerable importance on Lake Erie, and to assist McKenzie in his attempt on Upper Canada. Had this expedition succeeded, the result, as regards the Canadas, would in all probability have been the means of creating a prolonged and terrible war between England and the United States, as Her Majesty's subjects would have been plundered, great loss of life ensued, and their cattle or stock would have been driven to the United States, as we had only two regiments in both the Provinces to defend the country.

Knowing that the troops had been ordered to Lower Canada, and being aware that the people of the United States in general looked upon this as a good opportunity not only to decide the long-disputed boundary question, but to annex (without doubt) the Canadas to the Union, I determined, as a loyal British subject, to watch their movements and frustrate their designs. I therefore, at considerable expense, engaged persons on whom I could depend, to procure me information as to the whole of their plans; and, in defiance of the hostility which I knew I should provoke, I remonstrated with the authorities of the State of Michigan, by accusing Governor Mason with giving up the State cannon and arms. I even also went so far to tell Governor Mason that I was ordered by the Canadian Government to watch the State authorities; and if they would aid or assist the Patriots, as they called themselves, that I would make a report of it instantler.

That His Excellency was well aware that General Theller had a large force at Brown's Town, and but six miles from the town of Amherstberg—that he also intended to take the said place on the 8th of January, 1838, in order to celebrate the battle