

forests. Here, the mountains of Burlington, a military position of considerable strength, may be seen towering amid the clouds, and overlooking the neighbouring wilderness. These mountains, which are almost inaccessible to an approaching enemy, were reserved as a suitable place of retreat from the Niagara frontier in the event of a discomfiture. During the war they were constantly defended by a regiment. Their summits abound with morass, and in autumn are almost perpetually obscured by thick clouds. The western limits of the lake are but partially settled, and withal very unhealthy.

In the southern and eastern boundaries of the province, Cornwall and Fort Wellington are the only military positions deserving of attention. They are placed at a considerable distance from each other, on the northern bank of the river St. Lawrence, and command the farther shore and the navigation of the stream. Each is able to accommodate a battalion of 1000 men. The neighbouring fields are partly stripped of