

and well knew, as I then said to my friends, that the United States Government could not raise 50,000 ; and in point of fact their whole regular army, during that war, never amounted, at any one time, to 25,000. Their armies invaded Upper and Lower Canada in the consecutive summers of 1812, 13, and 14, and at the close of each campaign they did not possess an inch of either Province. While our army captured their chief fortress, Fort Niagara, at the end of the second campaign, and kept it until peace was concluded, in February 1815, when it was restored.

As to the American armies I do not hesitate to characterize them as very refractory, not even excepting their officers. And the more numerous they be, the more unmanageable, I am confident, they must become. Many proofs of insubordination were given in evidence before the Court Martial which tried and condemned General Hull for his surrender of Fort Detroit to General Brock, in 1812. One instance of this I give from those proceedings, as published in the United States.

While General Hull's army were marching through the forest, on their route to Detroit, in July 1812, they halted one day, as usual, about three o'clock. Soon after the General's tent was pitched, he heard an unusual noise in the camp, and sent one of his Aides-de-Camp to inquire the cause and report it to him. This officer soon returned and said, "It is nothing, General, only a company of the Ohio Volunteers riding their Captain upon a rail!"—a species of indignity tantamount to tarring and feathering.

This fact, with other similar ones, the General brought before the Court to shew how little he could expect to achieve with an army so constituted as that was which he commanded.

Two other facts, to the same effect, I now give here, from information received by me from two American officers while in conversation with them in Canada.

On my arrival at Fort George, Niagara, with a detachment under my command from Kingston, in January, 1813, I found there a captain of the American army, lately taken prisoner