

OBJECTIONS AGAINST ASSIMILATION OF THE FRENCH
TO THE ENGLISH ANSWERED—CONCLUSION.

It being then clear, that, in order to prevent lasting collision, there must be assimilation; and equally clear, that it can only be of what is French to what is English; we shall now make a passing remark on an opinion sometimes urged by well meaning individuals from want of due reflection on the subject, but always eagerly seized and supported by the Canadian leaders, namely, that the Canadians must be kept French in order to prevent the Canadas from falling into the hands of the United States. It has been assigned by the Canadian demagogues in various publications, as a reason against the diffusion of the English language in that province, that they disliked the Americans on account of their foreign tongue, and that if the English language came into use amongst the French Canadians, they might become attached to the Americans, as people naturally like those, whose language they understand.

Such reasoning, if it contains any truth, would decidedly prove attachment to France; but in other particulars, if it proves any thing, it proves too much, since the ignorance of the English lan-