

"It was said we had the St. Lawrence for a common outlet; and that we could not exist without being one people. Look at the large rivers that penetrated far into the interior of several continents of the universe. Were they inhabited throughout by the same people? The Danube, the Rhine, and the Nile, had different nations with their separate governments, inhabiting their borders. Do they not form combinations to preserve each from the attacks of the others? and will it not be the particular interest of Lower-Canada to treat us well that they may increase their wealth by our trade, especially as we can turn our attention to another market?"

detestably oppressive than to seize and embezzle papers; lot, by garbling, altering, selecting, and destroying, such as may or might serve particular purposes, it is easy, in such cases to make the "worse appear the better cause." After detailing the mode in which they were made prisoners, "Thus, notwithstanding the solemn grants made to our fathers, and the declarations made in your Majesty's name, that it was your Majesty's resolution to protect and maintain all such of us as should continue in their duty and allegiance to your Majesty, in the quiet and peaceable possession of their settlements, and the enjoyment of all their rights and privileges, as your Majesty's subjects; we found ourselves at once, deprived of our rights and liberties, without any judicial process, or even without any accusers appearing against us, and this solely grounded on mistaken jealousies, and false suspicions that we were inclinable to take part with your Majesty's enemies." The picture they draw of the unfeeling mode in which they were transported far from their homes, is affecting. "This was done in so much haste, and with so little regard to our necessities and to the tenderest ties of nature that, from the most social enjoyments, and affluent circumstances, many found themselves destitute of the necessaries of life. Parents were separated from children, and husbands from wives, some of whom have not to this day met again; and we were so crowded in the transport-vessels that we had not room even for all our bodies to lie down at once, and consequently were prevented from carrying with us proper necessaries, especially for the support and comfort of the aged and weak, many of whom quickly ended their misery with their lives." This is but a short specimen of their complaints. to which, I am grieved, for the honour of my country, to have to add, that not the least attention was paid.

Altho' a good deal irrelevant to the matter on hand, I have given these particulars chiefly as a matter of record, and to preserve some historical details that are not at all known, or have been varnished over, or slightly mentioned by the annalists of those times: and in order that they may be a beacon for