

ADDENDA.

Since this pamphlet was in type the mail brings us the unanimous resolution of the House of Commons confirming the Recommendation of the Report of the Commissioners on Colonial expenditure, to which the writer has so often referred. The resolution was moved by Mr. A. Mills, the Chairman of the Commission, and is in the following words :

“That this House while fully recognizing the claims of all portions of the British empire to imperial aid, in their protection against perils arising from the consequences of imperial policy, is of opinion that colonies exercising the rights of self-government ought to undertake the main responsibility of providing for their own internal order and security ; *that such colonies ought to assist in their external defence ; and that, as a rule, except in the case of great fortresses, no further charge ought to be made upon the imperial treasury for colonial fortifications.*”

The italicized portion was added as an amendment by Mr. Baxter, in order to inform the Colonies more explicitly of the firm determination of the Imperial Government to carry out the recommendation of the Commissioners. Our Legislature, can therefore have no loop-hole out of which to escape from the necessity of providing more efficient means of defence. It is the result of that larger degree of national independence which mother England has devolved upon us, and which we have no alternative but to except.

The following extract from a recent number of the *United Service Magazine* confirms the assumption of the writer that the British forces, sent to aid us in case of war must hereafter be regarded as allies and we as principals in any such contest.

This writer says, “it is plain absolute infatuation to ignore or blink at the fact, that *either we must keep a large army permanently in Canada, occupying in force all the more exposed and important points, or the Canadians themselves must entirely alter the existing state of things, and keep up a regular army* fairly proportionate to the danger that menaces them. Such danger has been arrested for the moment, but it is still there, and in all probability will increase daily. *Our utter incapability of being the principals in a land defence of Canada*”