

ence, with the doubtful advantage of having to pay a share of the enormous war debt of our neighbors. I have heard gentlemen speak with alarm of the effect invasion of our borders would have at the present time in their defenseless state. I would inform my hon. friends for their consolation, that steps have been taken to guard our people from attack, and aid them in their defense. The regular troops have been ordered to the frontier, and a fleet of ships sent into Passamaquoddy Bay, and in the self-reliant spirit of our young men, and the patriotism of our people, I fear no danger that may be threatened. In this great National as well as Provincial crisis, it is our duty as well as our interest to defer to the wishes and national necessity of our parent state. Britain has watched us in the cradle—she has schooled and defended us in our youth, and in our

manhood I trust while she may aid us, her offspring, that we may return in our maturer years with gratitude the interest she has evinced. We recognize her guiding hand, and accord to her the right to counsel and advice. We share in her glory. We would be humiliated by her defeat. That good old flag that we honor and will defend, alike sheds upon the Colonists the same glory that it does upon the people of Middlesex, whilst it affords us the same shelter and protection. And something is therefore due the country from which we receive that protection and to which we owe so much; and having appealed alike to our interests, our honor, our security, and our sense of gratitude, I feel she has not appealed in vain, and should the course of events demand the verdict of the people of this Province, I feel that the cause of union will be triumphant.

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