

needs be, and that nearly all of our little knave Canada of rash annexationists would not be found among military the few who would "hang fire," it is a calumny which to think otherwise, indeed many of them, that other know right well, would pull a trigger to-morrow as readily as any man in defence of the country. If the if it was assailed. I am also convinced that most of the Americans from the States, who have settled among us and become British subjects, would stand true to us, and would not flinch from the defence of the country and its institutions, if they were called upon to arm, because I know many of that class who cheerfully shared our dangerous part in the last war, and did good service. Our neighbors have, on several occasions of late, threatened to pour into this province in case of a rupture, have vast numbers of the millions which border it, and sweep every thing before them; they are constantly dinning it into our ears, and seem particularly anxious to impress upon the minds of our people, that it would be utterly useless to resist them;—that's their game at present, its sort of second edition of Hull's proclamation,—and they are trying to frighten us, but I don't think they will succeed, because it is my steady belief that it is not in their power to do so. Of one thing we may rest assured, that is, that great masses of undisciplined men, more especially when lead on by elective officers, never did and never will constitute strength; such mobs, for one can not call them Armies, are totally unfit for successful invasion, particularly against a Colony of any.