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It is proper, here to inform the public, and particularly those who subscribed for this work more than a year ago, that more than two years since I made application to the then governour of Upper Canada, Francis Gore, Esq. for liberty to take and print, a Geographical and Political View of the Province, and obtained his approbation. In June, 1812, I agreed with the printers in Buffalo, for the publication of the work, and sent them part of the manuscript before the declaration of war, which event prevented the publication. In December, by virtue of a proclamation of the governour, in favour of citizens belonging to the United States, I obtained a passport to leave the Province with others,—and at the same time my manuscript was taken from me: however, from what loose papers which I retained, and from those in Buffalo, I have formed as perfect a geographical (if not political) account as possible.