

to recollect and lament them.

I have, I fear, in some measure wandered from the object I had in view, a transgression which I hope will be excused. I am persuaded that if we want to be at peace with the United States, it is requisite most strongly to fortify our frontier without delay, and to be prepared at all points for a most efficient organization, if we do not, I venture to predict, without the gift of prophecy, that it will be impossible to remain long in amity with them, and that they will, upon the first opportunity, endeavor to take us by surprise. At Quebec we are safe, but from that Fortress westward, there is scarcely anything deserving the name of a fortification. The Redoubt on Point Henry, at Kingston, is certainly something worth looking at, but even there the stone-work is very indifferently filled in, at least I have reason to believe so. The Western and North-western frontiers are utterly exposed, and there are many considerations why that ought not to be the case. among others is the propriety of maintaining our communication with the Western tribes of Indians, whose assistance was found to be most important in the defence of Upper Canada in the war of 1812; in fact our possession of the country is very much due to them, for which they merit deep honor and gratitude at our hands; they and our resident Indians did real good service during the war, they are formidable light troops and flankers, they are faithful allies when treated with kindness and justice; they

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