

The most striking necessity for a full and efficient Militia Staff is the proximity of the bases that an invading army from the United States would occupy with reference to our most important positions, that necessitates a rapid organization of our full force. That cannot be accomplished by any other means than by a thoroughly well-trained Staff of Militia, the 80 companies of which being the well-instructed Regimental Staff of as many Battalions would, I repeat again, muster, clothe, arm and accoutre for companies, and incorporate Battalions to the extent of 80,000 men, and in six weeks train them to a more efficient degree than any American army that we may have to repel. But without this organization of our population *en masse* it appears to me inevitable that the fate of the Province will be decided by conquest before our 500,000 Active Service men could be brought into the field.

If I were writing for the information of military men this imperfect exposition of my views would be easily understood, and many of the profession have expressed their approbation of them; but as I desire to make myself understood by those whose calling has given them little or no opportunity of being conversant in matters so foreign to their daily occupations, I take leave to recapitulate the leading features of my humble suggestions.

I have given my reasons for apprehending a war between England and the United States, and have proposed a system of Militia that only requires an advance of means to organize, to be refunded in 41 years, leaving a very heavy balance in favor of the Province, with a large annual income for the Militia service.

I have pointed out the great necessity of a rapid and efficient organization of the Active Service men.

I have stated that by this scheme in 16 years 13,760 well-trained men will, in the event of war, form part of the Sedentary Militia, augmenting its efficiency.

I have drawn attention to the proximity of the bases an American army would occupy, with reference to our most important positions.

I will now add there is nothing new in the idea of Militia Staff, no room to doubt the value of the system that England has sustained for years with the most happy results. The Militia men of England were drafted into the line during the Spanish war; good soldiers, wanting but *le baptême du feu* to consummate their honorable calling, which they did honor to in many a hard-fought field.

13,760 Militiamen, settled on 1,560,000 acres of wild lands, would by their improved condition be enabled to add wealth to our Treasury, by their ability to consume rateable goods; a new home-field of industry will be opened to the youth of the country, and arrest an emigration to the United