

United States would not be able to enforce compliance with their demands. The reply from Ottawa was couched in offensive terms, and the Duke not only refused to release the prisoners, to apologize for the acts of the Intendant, or pay any indemnity, but required that, before any consideration should be given to Mr. Gordon's case, the Government of the United States should guarantee that its citizens should for the future abstain from any infringement of the Canadian Customs regulations, and should pay to Canada, for the past infringement of the regulations, a compensation, the amount of which should be settled by arbitration.

This ended the official correspondence; the Ambassadors of each country were ordered home, and both sides prepared for war.

It is not for me to speak in laudatory terms of the manner in which the Canadian Generals conducted their operations during the campaign; but the most competent authorities have repeatedly expressed the opinion that the management could not have been surpassed. It was also not till then suspected that so much latent patriotism existed in Canada, or that the Government and people would act so well together. It was about the end of harvest that the war broke out, and measures were at once taken to secure and husband the crops, the exportation of which and also of cattle, was prohibited. It was wisely considered that this measure would prevent the inhabitants from suffering from starvation, and that eventually the people of England, deprived of Canadian beef and grain, would be forced to interfere on our behalf. The border settlements and villages were abandoned, and the inhabitants retired with all their properties to the populous centres. Bodies of troops were massed at the most available points along the border, and comparatively perfect communication established between them. Detachments of the regular army were stationed at the most vulnerable points, and to these the volunteers were gradually added, after they had been subjected to as severe and lengthy a course of discipline as the circumstances, especially the time, would permit. At the commencement of the war a number of retired military and militia men came out from