

the northern bank of the river Niagara, as far as the village of Chippawa, exhibits a more improved state of cultivation than any other part of the province. The scene is diversified by valleys and mountains, and by streams of water which in summer are refreshing to the sight. The woods are cleared; the fields are enclosed; the frontier is well peopled. But this beautiful part of the province was laid desolate by the enemy. The numerous wooden villages which were seen rising in succession along its border, no more charm the ear with the noise of their population. Those spots of ground upon which they stood, are now pointed out by the destruction of their fences, and the residue of a few ashes.

The western shores of Lake Ontario are narrow and confined, and sinuated by long bays, which run deviously into the woods. On the northern side there is a gradual ascent of the land from the shore, till the eye is arrested at a distance by rudely projecting hills, overshadowed with