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MY LORD,

IN my anxious endeavours to execute to the best of my abilities, the important commission in His Majesty's North American Provinces, which your Grace was pleased, last year, to do me the high honour of entrusting to my care, it became a very necessary and very interesting part of my duty to make myself acquainted with the details of the several campaigns, and the objects of

the different movements which had formerly taken place, both in attacking and defending the Canadas. The following pages are the result of my reading and reflections upon the subject, aided by the local information I acquired in visiting the country. I venture, with the utmost deference, to lay them before your Grace. The events of these wars afford, in my opinion, a demonstration as clear as that of any proposition in Euclid, of the impossibility (under Divine Providence) of these Provinces ever being wrested from under His Majesty's authority by the government of the United States, provided we avail ourselves of the military precautions in our power to adopt, by establishing those communications and occupying those points, which, posterity will one day learn with, if possible, increased respect for your Grace's great name, were principally suggested by your Grace. It will ever be to me a subject of proud recollection that I should have been selected by your



Grace to contribute my humble efforts towards the completion of a plan, the outlines of which had been already traced by your Grace's own hand.

I have the honour to be,

My Lord,

with the utmost respect,

Your Grace's

most obedient, most obliged,

and most faithful humble servant,

JAMES CARMICHAEL SMYTH.

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