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1st. "Alvan Stewart Esq. in his address to Abolitionists dated Aug. 1846 says:  
 "The South placed Major General Smythe at Buffalo, a Slaveholding Lawyer  
 " of Virginia; — Major General Winder a Slaveholding Lawyer of Maryland  
 " at Forty Mile Creek, on the Side of Lake Ontario; — Major General Wilkinson  
 " a Louisiana Slave holder at the Cedars and Rapids of the St. Lawrence; and  
 " Major General Wade Hampton, the great Sugar boiler of Louisiana, and the largest  
 " Slaveholder in the United States (having over 500 human beings bowing to this  
 " Monster and Tyrant) was located at Burlington, Vermont. four Slaveholding Generals  
 " with their four Armies, were stretched on our Northern frontier, not to take Canada,  
 " but to prevent its being taken by the Men of New England and New York, in  
 " 1812-'13 and 14; Lest we should make some six or seven <sup>Free</sup> States from  
 " Canada, if Conquered. This was Treason against Northern Interests, Blood and Honor.  
 " This horrid Revelation could have been proved by General John Armstrong,  
 " then Secretary of War, after he and Mr. Madison quarrelled." —

2d "Secret History of the War with England" in 1812-'13 and 14.  
 "Col. Miller of Vermont, who was formerly a Representative in Congress  
 " from this State is now a Resident of Wyoming. In a Speech at Warsaw,  
 " Col. Miller revived a charge that has been often made, that our Government,  
 " though causing much blood to be shed in Canada, did not intend  
 " to Conquer that territory, because by so doing the free Territory of the  
 " Union would be extended.

In proof of this assertion, Col. M. says, that after General Hull  
 " was convicted by a Court Martial of Treason and Cowardice and  
 " sentenced to be shot, he handed a letter to the President of the Court,  
 " which proved to be an order of the Secretary of War, directing him to sur-  
 " render his Army to the British. Col. Miller added, "The President, Mr.  
 " Madison, stayed the proceedings of the Court, which left it in such



" a situation, that any President, at any future time, could issue an order  
" for the fulfilment of the sentence of the Court!"

" General Hull's oath as an Officer of the Army of the United States, not  
" to reveal his private instructions from the War Department, prevented his  
" defence to the public, of this traitorous Act! It hung over him like a Pall  
" to the last hour of his life! The fiat for his execution, could have been issued  
" at a single Moments warning, even up to the last day of his life!

" Dr. Eustis remained at the head of the War department until the close of  
" the year 1812, when he was succeeded by Gen. John Armstrong, who of course,  
" became acquainted with the above matters. He remained in Office  
" about two years, when incurring the displeasure of President Madison, he  
" was removed. Mr. A. then presented to the Government a claim  
" of some \$30,000 — the payment of which was refused. Mr. Armstrong  
" then published a pamphlet entitled "astounding Disclosures," containing  
" the foregoing in relation to General Hull; the Government immediately  
" purchased the suppression of the Work, by the payment of Mr. A's claim,  
" and ordered the whole edition to be destroyed. This it was supposed  
" was done; three copies of it still exist — one of which is in the possession  
" of Col. Miller, another in that of Allen<sup>†</sup>? Stewart, of Utica, and the third,  
" a mutilated copy, is in the hands of Judge Hutchinson of Woodstock, Vt.

" We have long entertained strong suspicions that the Conquest of  
" Canada was no part of the plan of the Administration in 1812. At  
" the Commencement of the War, England was engaged in a mighty  
" conflict with Napoleon. She could spare but a small force to defend  
" the Canadas. General Hull could have marched triumphantly  
" through the Upper Province. But there was either imbecility or Treason  
" at Washington." — "Perhaps the free Soil movement may bring out  
" important truths. There are those concerned in it who know all."

"<sup>†</sup> Query by W. K.: Should not "Allen" read Alvan. Is it not a misprint?"