

Crossing Niagara, Making Enemies



Red Jacket

George Catlin, 1827

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“Brother! . . . Our property is seized upon by the British and their Indian friends. It is necessary for us, then, to take up this business. We must defend our property; we must drive the enemy from our soil. If we sit still on our lands, and take no means of redress, the British, following the customs of you white people, will hold them by conquest; and you, if you conquer Canada, will claim them, on the same principles, as conquered from the British.”

Red Jacket to U.S. officials, 1813