

The appearance of Quebec, to a stranger, is far from pleasing. It is divided into an upper and lower town, the latter of which, in wet weather, is one uniform scene of mud. The houses in both are, in general, built of stone. On the whole, Quebec appears to be, which, in fact it is, a French establishment, where cleanliness is seldom attended to. The dress of the women, the wooden shoes and their cookery, all tend to aid the delusion, and induce you, occasionally, to suppose yourself in a town of old France.

The lower town of Quebec could make but little resistance against an enemy, who was superior by sea, but the upper one, from the natural strength of its situation is capable of a considerable defence on the western side. There are new works constructed on the land quarter, which appear sufficient to repel any ordinary force that could be brought against them, particularly when it is considered that an enemy could derive but little support from artillery, which it would be impossible for them to draw up the heights, which surround the town, in the face of a well appointed garrison.

The 7th, or British Fusiliers, commanded by Prince Edward, together with a body of artillery, performed garrison duty, whilst I was at Quebec. The appearance of the 7th, is highly military in point of figure. The mutiny, which some time after took place among them, has been attributed to various causes. The most probable is to be traced to the manner in which the majority of the corps was originally composed. His Royal Highness, with the natural ardour of a youthful soldier, was desirous that his Regiment should be distinguished for its figure, and, in consequence applied, when at Gibraltar, to some general officers, to accommodate him with men who would answer that purpose. They, it is said, took occasion at the same time to get quit of a number of troublesome fellows. Such persons being brought together in one body, and at the same time distant from home, formed the desperate resolution of deserting, and going to the States of America. Their plan was however defeated in the very moment previous to its execution. His Highnesses subsequent conduct, to the ringleaders of the delinquents, was such as to impress the minds of the people of Canada, with the most favorable opinion of the clemency of his temper.

The appearance of Quebec, from the river, is far from favorable, but from the town, the view of the St. Lawrence and Isle d'Orleans,