

children ; which God forbid ! But not to anticipate those observations and reflections, for which we shall find a fitter place hereafter ; let us now take a nearer, and more attentive view of this truly great and memorable thing, which God has so lately done for us, in delivering the capital city of Canada into our hands ; with some of the most material circumstances relative thereto.

God has remarkably smil'd upon this great enterprise from the very first, till we see it brought to this happy conclusion : From the very first, I say ; unless we should make an exception as to the enemy's getting up the river with a considerable fleet of provision and store ships, under convoy, while a Squadron of British men of war, destin'd to prevent any such relief and succours getting in, lay in port ; some say, from necessity : But however that might be, it is not improbable, that if this fleet had actually been intercepted, the reduction of Quebec might have been effected much easier and sooner than it was ; and the whole country, before this time, brought to a submission. But not to dwell upon any circumstance which was less in our favour than we could have wished ; let us proceed to some others, which were more so than we could have reasonably expected.

THE navigation of St. Lawrence's river has always, ever since Sir Hovenden Walker's fruitless attempt, wherein several ships were lost, been represented to us by friends and enemies, as being extremely difficult and hazardous. However, thro' the favour of Him, whom winds and seas obey, our very great fleet of men of war, of provision, transport and store-ships, arrived safe at Orleans, a little below Quebec, meeting with little or no disaster in the whole voyage. This

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