

Fort du Quesne : after which it was to reinforce the body of troops commanded by Mr. Shirley, before Niagara.

Mr. Braddock seems not to have been wanting at this time in serious reflections on the difficulties of his undertaking; his uneasiness appears in a letter to Sir Thomas Robinson on the 5th of June, where he complains of the want of zeal in the colonies to second him, of the dangers he was exposed to, and the expence he was obliged to be at in transporting artillery and ammunition into countries hitherto uninhabited, and unknown to the inhabitants themselves; (d) he was still at fort Cumberland when he wrote this letter. He set out from thence towards the end of June, and the unfortunate event of the battle fought the 9th of July, which put an end to his life, and his projects, is already well known.

Colonel Johnson, set out immediately after the breaking up of the assembly at Alexandria, in order to execute on his part, the commission which he was entrusted with. He spent the best part of the month of May among the Mohawk Indians, and in continual endeavours to animate them to a war. Nothing was omitted that could make the French appear odious: but neither calumnies nor presents were attended with that success which the En-

(d) See original Papers, No. 14.