

## NARRATIVE, &c.

**O**N the 17th of November 1780, I embarked on board the St. Lawrence brigantine, then lying in the basin of Quebec, and bound to New York, being charged with dispatches from General Haldimand, commander in chief in that province, to Sir Henry Clinton. The same day, on receiving our sailing orders, we weighed anchor, and dropped down to the harbour called Patrick's Hole, in the island of Orleans, in company with a schooner bound to the same port, on board of which was an Ensign Drummond, of the 44th regiment, with duplicates of General Haldimand's dispatches. In this place we were detained six days by a contrary wind; at the expiration of which time the frost had set in with prodigious severity, and the ice was forming fast in all parts of the river.