

for a chart of the Gulf and River St. Lawrence, which plan at his decease was dedicated to Sir Charles Saunders, with no other alterations than what Mr. Cook and I made coming up the river. Another chart of the river, including Chaleur and Gaspé Bays, mostly taken from plans in Admiral Durell's possession, was compiled and drawn under your father's inspection, and sent by him for immediate publication to Mr. Thomas Jeffereys, predecessor to Mr. Faden. These charts were of much use, as some copies came out prior to our sailing from Halifax for Quebec in '59. By the drawing of these plans under so able an instructor, Mr. Cook could not fail but improve, and thoroughly brought in his hand, as well in drawing as protracting, &c.; and by your father's finding the latitudes and longitudes along the coast of America, principally Newfoundland and Gulf of St. Lawrence, so erroneously heretofore laid down, he was convinced of the propriety of making accurate surveys of those parts. In consequence, he told Captain Cook that as he had mentioned to several of his friends in power the necessity of having surveys of those parts, and astronomical observations made as soon as peace was restored, he would recommend him to make himself competent to the business by learning Spherical Trigonometry, with the practical part of Astronomy; at the same time giving him Leadbetter's Works, with which Mr. Cook, assisted by his explanations of difficult passages, made infinite use, and fulfilled the expectations entertained of him by your father, in his survey of Newfoundland. Mr. Cook frequently expressed to me the obligations he was under to Captain Simcoe; and on my meeting him in London in the year 1776, after his several discoveries, he confessed most candidly that the improvements and instructions he had received on board *The Pembroke* had been the sole foundation of the services he had been enabled to perform. I must now return to Louisbourg, where, being General Wolfe's engineer during the attack of that place, I was present at a conversation on the subject of sailing for Quebec that Fall: the General and Captain Simcoe gave it as their joint opinion it might be reduced the same campaign. But this sage advice was overruled by the contrary opinions of the admirals, who conceived the season too far advanced, so that only a few ships went with General Wolfe to Gaspé, &c., to make a diversion at the mouth of the River St. Lawrence. Again: early in the spring following, had Captain Simcoe's proposition to Admiral Durell been put into execu-