

the public Service ; but I could not purpose to him an Undertaking of so dangerous a Nature, and promising to little Success.

To the uncommon Strength of the Country, the Enemy have added (for the Defence of the River) a great Number of floating Batteries and Boats. By the Vigilance of these and the Indians round our different Posts, it has been impossible to execute any Thing by Surprize. We have had almost daily Skirmishes with these Savages, in which they are generally defeated, but not without Loss on our Side.

By the List of disabled Officers (many of whom are of Rank) you may perceive. Sir, that the Army is much weakened. By the Nature of the River, the most formidable Part of this Armament is deprived of the Power of acting, yet we have almost the whole Force of Canada to oppose. In this Situation there is such a Choice of Difficulties, that I own myself at a Loss how to determine. The Affairs of Great Britain, I know, require the most vigorous Measures ; but then the Courage of a Handful of brave Men should be exerted, only, where there are Hopes of a favourable Event. However, you may be assured, Sir, that the small Part of the Campaign which remains, shall be employed (as far as I am able) for the Honour of his Majesty and the Interest of the Nation, in which I am sure of being well seconded by the Admiral and by the Generals. Happy if our Efforts here can contribute to the Success of his Majesty's Arms in any other Parts of America. I have the Honour to be, with the greatest Respect, Sir, your most obedient, and most humble Servant,

JAMES WOLFE.

Whitehall, October 17. Last Night Col. John Hale, and Capt. James Douglas, late Commander of his Majesty's Ship the Alcide, arrived from Quebec, with the following Letter to the Rt. Hon. Mr. Secretary Pitt.

Copy of a Letter from the Hon. General Monkton, to the Right Hon. Mr. Secretary Pitt, dated River St. Lawrence Camp, at Point Levi, Sept. 15, 1759.

S I R,

'I have the Pleasure to acquaint you, that, on the 13th Instant, his Majesty's Troops gained a very signal Victory over the French, a little above the Town of Quebec. General Wolfe, exerting himself on the Right of our Line, received a Wound pretty early, of which he died soon after ; and I had myself the great Misfortune of receiving one in my Right Breast by a Ball, that went through Part of my Lungs, (and which has been cut out under the Blade-bone of my Shoulder) just as the French were giving Way, which obliged me to quit the Field. I have therefore, Sir, desired General Townshend, who now commands the Troops before the Town, (and of which I am in Hopes he will be soon in Possession) to acquaint you with the Particulars of that Day, and of the Operations carrying on. I have the Honour to be, &c.

ROBERT MONCKTON.

P. S. His Majesty's Troops behaved with the greatest Steadiness and Bravery.

As the Surgeons tell me, that there is no Danger in my Wound, I am in Hopes, that I shall soon be able to join the Army before the Town.

L O N D O N.

Whitehall, October 9.

THE King has been pleased to order a Conge d'Elire to constitute Dr. James Johnson, Lord Bishop of Gloucester, to be Bishop of Worcester.

Kensington, Oct. 20. This Day the Right Hon. the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons, of the City of London, waited on his Majesty, and being introduced by the Right Hon. Mr. Secretary Pitt, made their Compliments in the following Address, which was spoke by Sir William Moreton, Knt. the Recorder.

May it please your Majesty,

To accept the most humble but warmest Congratulations of your Majesty's dutiful and

loyal Subjects, the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, and Commons of the City of London, in Common-council assembled, upon the rapid and uninterrupted Series of Victories and Successes, which, under the Divine Blessing, have attended your Majesty's Arms by Sea and Land, within the Compass of this distinguished and ever-memorable Year.

The Reduction of Fort du Quesne on the Ohio ; of the Island of Goree in Africa ; and of Gaudalupe with its Dependencies in the West Indies ;—the Repulse and Defeat of the whole French Army by a handful of Infantry in the Plains of Minden ;—the taking of Niagara, Ticonderoga, and Crown Point ; the naval Victory off Capé Lagos ;—the Advantages gained over the French Nation,