

of glory, in which he has either shared personally, or shall share in the review, by patriotic sympathy : and the most profitable instruction which history can give, by shewing the steps which have led to success ; the true advantage of experience. We know to act, by knowing how others, in like situations, have acted before us.

In a detail, like this, there must unavoidably be several particulars, which at first view may possibly appear to many to be equally unnecessary, and unentertaining : such for instance as, *The Orders to the troops for foreign service.—Their employment in the City, and Garrison of Corke, before they embarked.—Occurrences in Nova Scotia.—Observations on the weather.—Sea diaries.—Field and Garrison regulations, &c. &c.* But upon better examination these also will be found not to want their use, and even entertainment. The young Officer will learn from them the duties of that command, to which he aspires : and the Veteran will be pleased to see due attention paid to *Minutiae*, the necessity of which he knows. In the latter instances, the nature of which admits not of certainty, knowledge of what has been, will lead to a judgment of what may be. Nor are these advantages confined merely to men of military profession. Every brave man is naturally curious of the events of war. *Britons*, in particular, must be fond of knowing every circumstance that contributed to wrest the empire of *North America* from *France*, and add it to the Crown of their beloved Sovereign.

To this great *point* of blending pleasure with profit, *utile dulci*, I found my pretensions solely on the sacred basis of truth. Let facts speak for themselves, I represent them faithfully as they were. The praises, therefore, which on a review of great actions will irresistibly burst from an honest heart, cannot, must not be imputed to any design of flattering the illustrious Actors. They are the debt of gratitude.