

Frontenac, and the condition of the shipping; notwithstanding the aversion which numbers had declared against Col. Bradstreet's proceeding, Red Head appeared a public advocate for the execution of the meditated scheme; and by a pathetic and animating harangue, influenced a party from each nation, to grasp the hatchet, and join Col. Bradstreet's army: neither his eloquence, nor his personal influence, both which he exerted on this occasion, could, however, prevail on more than forty two heartily to join in the cause; many others declared their readiness, but afterwards, on various pretences, privately withdrew to their respective castles: they were conscious of their engagements to the enemy, and sensible of the universal disgust, their avowing and publicly joining our forces, in an attempt to deprive the French of this post, would give the Indian nations in their alliance, who entirely depended on the magazines of Cadaraqui, for their subsistence; for these reasons, they artfully evaded being accessory to the reduction of Fort Frontenac, under the specious pretext, of the impracticability of succeeding. A