

and await the arrival of MONTGOMERY. The latter having clothed his almost naked troops in Montreal, and procured clothes for those in ARNOLD's command, garrisoned the place, and proceeded to Point au Tremble, and joining ARNOLD, marched to Quebec.

It was now in the depth of a Canadian winter, and the hardships which the troops were obliged to undergo, were excessive; but they were supported with the utmost patience and firmness.

General MONTGOMERY determined to make an attack; and accordingly, on the 31st of December, the signal was given, and the troops moved forward to the assault. MONTGOMERY advanced, at the head of the New York troops, along the St. Lawrence, under CAPE DIAMOND. Along this narrow path the Americans pressed forward until they reached a block-house and picket. The general, with his own hands, assisted in cutting down and pulling up the pickets, to open a passage for his troops. He now found it absolutely necessary to make a halt, and collect a force with which he might venture to proceed. Having reassembled about two hundred men, he advanced boldly and rapidly at their head to force the barrier. One or two persons had now returned to the deserted battery, and one of them, seizing a match, discharged one of the guns when the American force was distant about forty paces. This single and accidental fire