

" ON BOARD THE SUTHERLAND,

" 12th September, 1759.

" The Enemy's force is now divided ; great scarcity of provisions in their Camp, and universal discontent among the Canadians. The second Officer in command (Levi) is gone to Montreal or St, John's, which gives reason to think that General Amherst is advancing into the Colony. A vigorous blow struck by the Army at this juncture may determine the fall of Canada. Our troops below- are in readiness to join us. All the Light Artillery and tools are, embarked at the Point of Levy, and the Troops will land where the French seem least to expect them.

" The first body that gets on shore is to march directly to the Enemy, and drive them from any little post they may occupy. The Officers must be careful that the succeeding bodies do not, by any mistake. fire upon those that go on before them.

" The Battalions must form upon the upper ground with expedition, and be ready to charge whatever presents itself.

" When the Artillery and Troops are landed, a Corps will be left to secure the landing place, while the rest march on and endeavour to bring the French and Canadians to a battle.

" The Officers and men will remember, what their Country expects from them, and what a determined body of soldiers, inured to war are capable of doing against five weak French Battalions, mingled with a disorderly Peasantry.

" The Soldiers must be attentive and obedient to their officers, and resolute in the execution of their duty."

About 9 o'clock, the night of the 12th. we went into the Boats as ordered. Rendezvoused abreast of the Sutherland ; fell down with the tide about 12 o'clock, and a little before four in the morning, were fired on by a French four Gun Battery, about two miles above the Town. Pushed towards the shore at day break on.