

Johnson speeches ready prepared, (c) and 2000 livres which were to be employed in presents.

5. There now remained but the expedition which the General reserved for himself: it has been but too well known by its ill success. It was resolved that he should set out for Frederick's town the 20th of April, from whence he was to proceed to the mountains: where it was supposed he should arrive about the beginning of May; so as to be able to complete, in the month of June, the execution of his intended plan on the Ohio.

Such was neither more nor less, the plan which was by it intended, than to open all the avenues of Canada to the English, and to make them masters of the river St. Laurence: each commander knew both his particular destination, and the relation which his commission had with all those, which were to be executed at the same time. The only business now was by accelerating the invasion. And to take the French unawares. General Braddock, who had spent the last days of April, and the first of May at Frederick's Town, arrived at Fort Cumberland the 10th of May; to which place the whole army came up the 17th, after a very laborious march of twenty-seven days. This army amounted only to 2000 effective men. And, indeed, its business only, was the taking of

(c) See No. 13.

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