

## C H A R T O F HUDSON'S BAY,

*With an account of the destruction of the Company's Settlement in that quarter, by a detachment from the Marquis de Vaudreuil's fleet, which sailed from Cape Francois in the island of St. Domingo, just forty-nine days after that very fleet had been defeated by Admiral Rodney. This shows the enterprising spirit of the French. Besides this, two or three rich French fleets of merchant ships have come safe to France from the Cape, under convoys of different ships of the vanquished fleet. Don Joseph Solano, the Spanish Admiral, sailed from the Cape to the Havannah with his squadron, unmolested: Vaudreuil also, with 13 or 14 ships of the line, sailed from the Cape for North America; and all this has happened without the least interruption from our victorious fleets. Our ships were but slightly damaged in the action of the 12th of April in comparison with the French fleet. A station off Cape Francois would have blocked up the French trade to Europe; saved the Settlements at Hudson's Bay; fastened the Spanish Admiral in a French port, and kept the Gulph of Florida open for our own homeward bound fleets; and would have prevented Vaudreuil's sailing to North America to resist. Changes and fluctuation of Councils at home, and inattention abroad, have left the West-Indian seas almost as safe for the enemy since the month of April, as if our forty sail of the line there had been all fast a-sleep. We want able, honest, and vigorous Councils at home, and then we shall have alert, vigorous, and successful operations abroad.*

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*Extract of a Letter from the Sieur de la Pérouse, Capitaine de Vaisseau, commanding a division of*