

more particular nature to be addressed to general Braddock: these instructions are contained in a long letter written to him in his royal highness's name by colonel Nappier, and which was dated the same day, being the 25th of November 1754; this letter, well worth attending to, presents us with a regular disposition of all the military operations which had been long before concerted at the court of London; our saying, *long before* will not appear extraordinary to whoever will consider, that colonel Nappier sets out with recalling to general Braddock's mind, who was then in Ireland, that the instructions which he was going to commit to paper, are but the result of those which his royal highness had given to that general in his several conferences and conversations with him.

We shall not here descend into particulars with regard to the contents of this instruction: it reflects more honour on the genius of the general, than it does on the intentions of the prince in whose name it is wrote. It appears from this authentic piece, that a resolution of a general invasion of Canada was most certainly taken so early as the month of November 1754, and very probably several months before; and that the means of securing its success were determined on, and prescribed to the several commanders, whose combined operations