

LIFE AND TIMES OF MAJOR-GENERAL SIR ISAAC BROCK, K.B.

CHAPTER I.

BIRTH, PARENTAGE AND EARLY LIFE.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR ISAAC BROCK was of the very reputable family of Brock of Guernsey, one of the Channel Islands. There was, indeed, a Sir Hugh Brock, an English knight, who, in the reign of Edward III., was keeper of a castle in Brittany, then an English duchy, but which was overrun by the French about the middle of the fourteenth century, the English driven out, and the French made masters of the principality.

As Guernsey is on the coast of France, and in the direct course between Brittany and England, it has been surmised that one of Sir Hugh Brock's family, on his passage across the Channel, visited Guernsey and settled there.

Major-General Sir Isaac Brock was the eighth son of John Brock, Esquire, who was the second son of William Brock, a native of Guernsey, who died in the year 1776. The Major-General's mother was Elizabeth DeLisle, daughter of the Lieutenant-Bailiff of the island.