

in 1792, Governor Simcoe desired Major Holland to give him, in writing, whatever particulars he could recall respecting his father, Captain Simcoe, then deceased some thirty years. Hence the letter which I have. The Captain of *The Pembroke*, it will be observed from Major Holland's account, was an enlightened and spirited naval officer, possessed of the dash and daring that marked Wolfe himself. Cook too, it will be noticed, acknowledged in after years his great indebtedness to his former superior on board *The Pembroke*. Holland's letter to Governor Simcoe reads as follows :

"Quebec, 11th January, 1792. Sir: It is with the most sincere pleasure that I recall to memory the many happy and instructive hours I have had the honour of enjoying in your late most excellent father's company ; and with more than ordinary satisfaction do I recollect the following circumstance which gave birth to our acquaintance : — The day after the surrender of Louisbourg, being at Kensington Cove surveying and making a plan of the place, with its attack and encampments, I observed Captain Cook (then master of Captain Simcoe's ship *The Pembroke* man-of-war) particularly attentive to my operations; and as he expressed an ardent desire to be instructed in the use of the Plane Table (the instrument I was then using), I appointed the next day in order to make him acquainted with the whole process. He accordingly attended, with a particular message from Captain Simcoe expressive of a wish to have been present at our proceedings, and his inability, owing to indisposition, of leaving the ship ; at the same time requesting me to dine with him on board, and begging me to bring the Plane Table pieces along. I with much pleasure accepted that invitation, which gave rise to my acquaintance with a truly scientific gentleman, for the which I ever held myself much indebted to Captain Cook. I remained that night on board, and in the morning landed to continue my survey at White Point, attended by Captain Cook and two young gentlemen who your father, ever attentive to the Service, wished should be instructed in the business. From that period I had the honour of a most intimate and friendly acquaintance with your worthy father ; and during our stay at Halifax, whenever I could get a moment of time from my duty, I was on board *The Pembroke*, where the great cabin, dedicated to scientific purposes and most taken up with a drawing-table, furnished no room for idlers. Here, under Captain Simcoe's eye, Mr. Cook and myself compiled materials