

perience and Habit; with a moderate Degree of Attention, may make a Man, without any uncommon Capacity, walk with great Credit in the beaten Track of the military Profession; but Genius is the only Star which guides us in the pathless Wilderness of an unfrequented World. It was a Sagacity of no vulgar Kind which could penetrate at once into the Secret of that new Species of Warfare, to comprehend its peculiar and distinguishing Character, at the first Glance, to enter into the peculiar Difficulties which attended it, and to point out the Rock in this unnavigated Ocean, upon which there was the greatest Danger of splitting. These were Things which our unhappy General there, could learn by Experience only; and in learning which he lost his Life. Had this unhappy Man behaved with less Bravery, and returned with his Life, but without a Conquest, we should not have wanted some, who amongst their Murmurs at his ill Success, would not have failed to have attributed his Inactivity to private Orders. As it is, every Thing is misrepresented and condemned; the Orders that were given, which, to say no more, were certainly just and sensible, are endeavoured to be made ridiculous; but I shall only remind my Reader that this Writer  
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