

The Introduction.

Squadron? And I cannot but say, well had it been for me, had it so proved: Not that I wish any Injury to him; but perhaps he might have had better Success, or at least not have been so hardly used had it failed.

What! was the *Canada Expedition* the only one that ever wanted the desired Success? Not by several.

That is not the Matter: But something must be said to justify the severe Proceedings against me. A Stick must be found to tie to a Dog's Tail, to hoot him out of the Parish: For when all that can be alleged is summ'd up, what will it amount to?

There were Bills drawn and countersigned by me, for Provisions and Stores that amounted to a considerable Sum of Monies: alas! alas! was that so unprecedented and unheard of a Thing, that no Flag Officer or Commander in Chief, ever did the like before? Did not my Instructions empower me so to do? Yes. But tho' other Officers justify their Conduct by their Orders and Instructions, yet it seems that will not stand me in any stead.

Had I eaten all the Provisions myself, or built Houses and Coaches for my own private Use with the Stores, it might have been charged to me as a very criminal Action: But nothing like it appears against me; nor is it even surmised by my worst Enemies.

There were Ships and Men lost in *Canada River*. O horrible! And was it never known that Ships and Men had been lost by Storms and bad Weather before? Yes: In the Chanel and upon our own Coasts, and some even under the Command and Conduct of the most expert and best of our Sea Officers. That's nothing to the purpose: But these Ships and Men were lost in an unknown

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