

town—viz., landing and lodging the provisions, a work of immense labour, considering the necessity of placing it in the higher town, the men having a very steep hill to haul up the casks and bags that contained them; lodging the artillery that was to remain; embarking that which was ordered for Boston; repairing the batteries, and putting the place in a posture of defence—at least against a *coup-de-main*.

*From SEPT. 30th to Oct. 3rd.*—Continued the above works, without ceasing, this and the following days, in such a manner that not a man but was constantly employed. Was obliged to forbid making fires upon guard, in order to save the wood in or about the town.

*14th.*—Sent a circular-letter to the curates and captains of militia of the several parishes subject to the British Dominion, to send in, forthwith, an exact *recensement* of their several parishes, specifying the names, age, and sexes of the inhabitants, and quantity of grain and cattle. It was necessary at this time to order several houses, just ready to tumble, to be thrown down, in order to prevent any accident happening. The detachment at Isle-Madame being at too great a distance from the town, and but a small quantity of wood brought from thence, it was necessary to recall the same, and order one to the Island of Orleans for that purpose.

*15th.*—As, the greatest part of the winter, the method of carriage in this country, where there are prodigious falls of snow, is all upon sleys, it was necessary to order such as could be found in the town to be collected together and put in our magazines, it being impossible to spare carpenters from other more pressing works, to make a sufficient number. The improbability of being able to furnish this garrison with sufficient fuel made it necessary, likewise, to seize upon the stores, in order to make the wood go further.

*18th.*—As from the beginning orders had been given that no French inhabitant should take anything out of town without a passport from me, in order to prevent their carrying