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GENERAL WOLFE.

MAJOR General James Wolfe, son of lieutenant-general Edward Wolfe, born at Westerham in Kent 11th January 1726. By nature formed for military greatness; his memory retentive, his judgment deep, his comprehension amazingly quick and clear, his constitutional courage not only uniform and daring, perhaps to an extreme, but he possessed that higher species of it, strength, steadiness, and activity of mind, which no difficulties could obstruct nor dangers deter. With an unusual liveliness, almost to an impetuosity of temper, not subject to passion; with the greatest independence of spirit, free from pride. Generous almost to profusion, he contemned every little art for the acquisition of wealth, whilst he searched after objects for his benevolence; the deserving soldier never went unrewarded. Inferior officers experienced his friendly generosity. Constant and distinguishing in his attachments, manly and unreserved, yet gentle, kind, and conciliating in his manners, he enjoyed a large share of the friendship, and almost the universal good-will of mankind; and, to crown all, sincerity and candour, a true sense of honour, justice, and public spirit seemed the inherent principles of his nature, and the uniform tenor of his conduct.

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