

them, yet continued to labour in erecting works and completing the preparations for a vigorous siege with unabated courage and unshaken determination.

Nevertheless, general Montgomery feared they would sink under their fatigue, however great their fortitude and capability of endurance. He was also apprehensive that he might soon be abandoned by the majority of his soldiers, whose term of enlistment had expired at Montreal, and whom admiration for his courage, and a certain pride they felt in following a brave and successful leader, united with his own powers of persuasion, had induced to volunteer their aid in the capture of Quebec. Impressed, therefore, with the importance of taking an immediate and decisive step before circumstances should deprive him of the liberty of acting, he came to the gallant resolution to make an immediate assault upon the place with his whole force—"And," he said, his eyes kindling as he spoke of his determination to his young aid-de-camp, "lead them in person to victory or death. But," he added, more desponding, taking the arm of his young