

From *St. Bernabie*, where the Fleet first came to an Anchor, up to the TRAVERSE, (a Distance of 38 Leagues) there is a Number of *Shoals*, *Sands*, and *little Islands* \* interperfed; and here indeed the Difficulty of the Navigation seems to commence; for the River of *St. Laurence* is pretty clear and open till the Ships arrive off this *Cape*, and the greatest Danger to be dreaded is that of *Fogs*, or *hard Gales* of Wind which may drive a Fleet on the S. or N. Shore; as was the Case in the Expedition against *Quebec* in the QUEEN'S Time, under the Command of Sir *Hovendon Walker*, and General *Hill*, (A. D. 1711.) where the *British* Squadron was run upon the Island of *Eggs*, which they could not weather, eight Transports stranded with 884 Men on board, and the whole, thro' the Ignorance of the Pilots and Violence of the Winds, in imminent Danger of being lost.

The *Fogs* are likewise very alarming to Mariners, and very frequent in this River; so much so, that we ought to think ourselves extremely happy and much favoured by PROVIDENCE, (which through the whole Progress of the present War seems in a particular Manner to have distinguished the Justice of the *British* Cause) that our Naval Officers were blessed with a clear serene Sky and moderate Weather to work their Ships in, and to steer them from Sand to Sand, and Shoal to Shoal, in the most difficult Parts of this hazardous Channel, keeping their Course direct, and sliding up to the very Walls of the Town without Interruption or one fatal Accident, without running on *Shore* in one Place, upon *Rocks* in another, or even *foul* of their *own Ships*; and guiding the Helm with such *Exactitude* and *masterly Skill*, as if the GUARDIAN ANGEL of the *British* Realms had *itself* conducted this most fortunate Armament, and from every *Isle* or *Island*, *Cape* or *Point* of *Land*, which it was dangerous to approach, had timely warned the *English Admiral*, proclaiming aloud,

“ *Hitberto shalt thou come, but no farther.*”

The following beautiful Lines of *Claudian*, if ever they were applicable to any Man, were so in a particular Manner to Mr. SAUNDERS on this Occasion:

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\* See the first Pages of the Journal.